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Richard E. O'Connor  
January 26, 1960

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Basilian Fathers  
402 Augustine Street  
Rochester 13, N.Y.  
January 26, 1960.

Dear Father,

This afternoon I had full intention of coming right up after the spaghetti dinner we had cooked ourselves and starting the letter off with it and a description of our very relaxed and uneventfully varied and enjoyable post-exam holiday. The Christmas recess was not by any means the diagonally opposed set of circumstances, of course, but they weren't truly vacationing, what with the testing so shortly due. These past five days were totally relaxing.

The reason why I didn't come right up to the letter was because there was still some varnish to be removed from the door of the room being remodelled into a television room on the second floor of the priests' flat. Father Vincent Eckert is truly an amazing man. The entire room is to and will be finished by Friday — it will have undergone total renovation in a little more than a week.

The purpose of this letter is to thank you, Father, for the very kind letter you sent after the last set of exams.



Richard E. O'Connor  
January 26, 1960

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Since your hopes were high for me in this set, I felt it best to let you know that I have buckled down more this year, and to let you know before these results come out, jus int case! They come out tomorrow morning. We are all scholarly scholastics, taking an overall view, and the second year men perhaps a little more than the first — edification being some sort of a spur if industry isn't.

And the nine of us are a perennially happy coalition. That is the true joy, if so strong a phrase may be used, of our life here, Father. What seemed to me a necessary impersonality of atmosphere at the Seminary is not known here at all. Father Joseph Abend makes life a rich life in that he is much more a priest and confrere than a superior. He takes great delight in mocking, but not bitterly or brutally, the nine of his charges, and then praising them.

I hope that you are in fine health, Father, as we are all, Terry O'Grady not excepted, and that your of preparations for the General Council isn't too hectic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Dick

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard from Mr. Richard O'Connor. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





P. Wallace Platt  
February 12, 1960

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Institution Secondaire  
du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
February 12th, 1960.

Dear Father Scollard,

Father René Robert asked me to write for him to thank you for your most recent letter and for the Mass intentions. We can certainly use them, as well you know: I hope we are not depriving you.

He (Father Robert) is away at the moment in Paris at the opening banquet of an old boys' association being formed in Paris. There are quite a number of former students of the Collège now living in Paris, and a retired General has done the work of looking them up and of organizing them into a group. He wanted the Superior to come up for the first meeting at least, and since Father Robert had other business there, he decided to accept the invitation.

Our weather stays pleasant, even though the political weather is a little stormy. There are certainly a lot of questions to be solved, and the recent bomb (this morning) won't solve them all. They don't change our life much, except in so far as the conversation at table varies with the changing events.



P. Wallace Platt  
February 12, 1960

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All well for the moment. Quite a number of the students had the flu, and all our domestic help except one, but all the teachers escaped. The sun gets stronger every day, and the trees are beginning to show signs of life, new life that is.

Kindest regards to all the confreres. We are looking forward to the Chapter letter. It might cause difficulty with our school closing dates, but we'll handle the problem when it arises.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wally

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
March 24, 1961

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Rome, March 24th, 1961.

Dear Bob,

It has taken me a while to get around to dropping you a line, but you must have had some news of the Eternal City from some of the other members of the Curia. Father Hubert Coughlin tells me that the new house is shaping up nicely and that you are more and more pleased with it each day. Hope it is not too lonesome.

Father Vincent Kennedy left us and should be in Toronto on Saturday evening, for better or worse. Reg O'Donnell is in the hospital with a very bad cold, and he should stay there until it is entirely gone. He has had it for about five months. Billy Irwin is fine, and very good company. He likes it here, and they like him. For someone who does not speak French, he gets along very well. We take our Italian lesson together, and then at odd moments we speak together in Italiano. It is not difficult, and the two of us are the star pupils of the lady who comes here to give the lessons.

One day Bill and I went all through the house owned by the Fathers of Mercy. It would never do for us. In the first place it is much too noisy. You can



P. Wallace Platt  
March 24, 1961

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hardly hear yourself think in rush hour with the cars whizzing past the door, and this happens four times a day. There is a lovely garden in back of it (lovely in the sense of considerably roomy), and the plan of the house is simple and convenient. But the amount of money to be spent would be prohibitive: new roof, new plumbing, new heating.

Yesterday I went out with Father Bolduc, the Procurator of the Viatorians to see their new house in the building. It is in the new and expensive section of Rome, and is quite large. "e says it is too large, and I think so too. You don't need corridors 14 feet wide for a house with 10 or 15 people in it. They are building a very complete plant: Generalate, House for Graduate students, Chapel (a separate building) and a convent for the nuns whom they hope to get. I don't think we would want anything on that order.

Property here in Rome is terribly expensive. Our only hope would be, as you mentioned before, some religious house wanting to fold, and willing to sell their property to us for a reasonable sum. If you happen to be in the right part of town, you can get a mint of money for your building. I think we should have more definite plans and a clearer idea of what we are looking for, before going any further in the business.





P. Wallace Platt  
March 24, 1961

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The other day on the bus I happened to be beside a distinguished priest with a white beard. We began talking and he told me he was a Basilian: of St. Savior. He had never heard of us, of course, even though we are larger than all the Basilians put together. Here in Rome you are either from Brazil or you are an oriental: what can we do about it. Even the Holy Father himself knows us not, and has to have the whole thing explained...

Be sure to let me know if there is anything I can do for you, or if there are any ideas you would like me to explore. I'm sure you are all very busy over there arranging things for the Consecration and the Installation and the Chapter. Give my kindest to each and all, and have a happy Easter.

Prayers in Our Lord,

Wally.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt.  
Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
April 12, 1961

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Rome, April 12th, 1961.

Dear Bob,

It was good to hear from you. To tell you the truth I had been a little puzzled by your long silence, and I even went so far as to think that something might have been amiss. But your letter assures me that all is well: all the better.

Father Flahiff wrote me that he might be coming at the end of the week. I have made preparations for him and he should be able to do everything in ten days to twelve. The tailor might even give him preference if he knows that he is waiting to go back to Canada. It will be good to see him and to talk over a few things that need attention.

Our Ratio Studiorum has been returned to me for further clarification. It seems that we have not been specific enough on the steps of formation, and on the particular position of the Master of Scholastics. I shall discuss the affair with Father Flahiff, and perhaps redo the thing here.

The Viatorians have a very fine little ordo which can be done up for about 44 cents a copy. They base it on the Universal Ordo and just make a few changes for their feasts ( which would be more



P. Wallace Platt  
April 12, 1961

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numerous than ours by a long shot.) The printer here in Rome could do a good job, with our own crest and cover design and with perforated pages. I shall also discuss this matter with Father Flahiff. From what Father Vincent Kennedy says there are to be no changes which will affect the Ordo for many years, even in spite of the Council.

This might be something that could be discussed at the coming Chapter. There is also the question of our name. As you know it causes all kinds of trouble and misunderstanding. I am convinced that French Canada does not know us at all. This very morning, while visiting the Jesuit Generalate I had proof of this. The secretary to Father Swain, a French Canadian, asked me if we were part of the Oriental Basilians. Well, if the French Canadians do not know us, what can we hope from other sources over here in Europe. Did you ever think that we might be able to do something about our name. I have heard one Basilian at least, and he is a very balanced person, suggest that we should change it altogether.

Bill Irwin is fine, and so is Reg O'Donnell. He had intended (i.e. Reg.) to go to Paris after his return from Athens but now is going to wait for a visit with Father Flahiff. We should have a good get-together while he is here.



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April 12, 1961

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Father Wilfrid Dwyer is here, too, and enjoying Rome immensely. He is great company, and keeps them amused at the table. I guess he too plans to spend a week or more here.

Be sure to let me know if there is anything I can do for you, or if you want any more information on property. I suppose Father Flahiff will have some ideas to talk over when he comes. I shall keep you informed of developments. Let me know what is being discussed re the coming Chapter.

Kindest to all, Sincerely in Christ,

Wally.

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt from the Canadian College, Rome, to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





P. Wallace Platt  
May 12, 1961

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Rome, May 12th, 1961

Dear Bob,

Thanks for yours of the 4th, with the news it contained. You guessed right about the other indult to be asked for: I have now submitted the petition, and it should come out nearer the date of last time, that is, about the 26th of May.

I am leaving on Sunday the 14th for Annonay to do the Visitation. I had hoped to do it last month, but what with visits and other things to do, I didn't have a clear week. I expect to be back here on Pentecost, or on Monday after, i.e. the 22nd of May. I had word from Father René Robert this morning to the effect that this is a suitable time, and I want to get it over with before something else comes up to postpone it.

In your next letter, if you have the information, I'd like to know how Father Flahiff made out at the customs with his robes, etc. He thought there would be no trouble. I'd be interested in knowing, just for the record.

The cancellation of Third Year Ordinations is now official. Father Flahiff should be receiving word officially



P. Wallace Platt  
May 12, 1961

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soon, if he has not done so already. I guess it will mean some re-organization of our studies, etc. But perhaps in the long run it will work out very well.

This might be the time to implement fully our fifth year. And then as they say here in Rome: wait for the Council, things may change. But I have a sort of impression that the Council will not concern itself with many things which people expect...

Bill Irwin is fine and working hard for the last lap of studies for the year. His plans are to go to Germany and get at that language necessary for his Scripture studies. He is going to attend the same school as Andy Maloney: the Goethe Institut. He seems to pick up languages fast, and German should give him no trouble.

I see Bob Lamb but rarely. We have tried telephoning now and again, but with little success. They just don't seem to know how to get hold of people in his house. Then the lines are often overcrowded here, and you can't get a call through to anyone. But he's working hard, and riding on the wonderful experience of the Papal Audience with Father Flahiff.

Yesterday I attended the Canonization of Blessed Maria Bertilla Bouscardin.



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May 12, 1961

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It was the first time for me at one of these Canonisations, but I found it well worth the four and one half hours. The Basilica was beautifully lighted as the Ceremony was televised, and the Holy Father is impressive, although he gives the impression of being tired. And I am beginning to think that this coming Council is going to be a great drain on him. But I guess he is of good stock, and he certainly has plenty of energy. He is to issue an Encyclical this Sunday to commemorate the 70th anniversary of "erum Novarum. There will be a big do in St. Peter's Square.

Keep me posted on Chapter Elections and on Episcopal Consecrations. I guess you have plenty to think about these days in Toronto. Kindest regards to all at the Curia,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Wally.

(Written by Father Wallace Platt from the Canadian College to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
September 11, 1961

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128, rue du Bac  
Paris 7  
Sept. 11, 1961.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the Newsletter. Its a great invention, and I daresay it is popular with the confreres. The news of Bill Conway's death, while not a surprise, as Kevin said he was very ill when he left, is nonetheless a blow. We were in the Novitiate together, and though not often in the same house until theology, we remained good friends, and I always had a deep admiration for him as someone very genuine and sincere. In fact I rather marvelled at the changes wrought in Bill as he went from a 4th year high school student to a very efficient teacher and exemplary priest and religious, whose judgment was sound. He was very boyish as a novice, but every inch a man and priest at the time of his death. One winter, when I was at St. Mike's and he was at the High School, we bought seasons's tickets fo the Hart House plays. I really enjoyed those three or four evenings, and shall never forget them. We would go up to Murray's afterwards and have pie and coffee. I grew in admiration of him. Well, God will have His way, and blessed be His Name.





P. Wallace Platt  
September 11, 1961

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Bob, the telephone here is LITtré 19. 92. They use the first three letters of the word "littre". If we get this house I spoke to Father Wey about (and I hope we do) I'll send you the address immediately, the phone number and a full description.

Had a letter from Father Wey today, which I shall answer after Father René Robert's visit on Wednesday. We are going to see the house Issy near the Seminary.

Very kindest regards and many thanks.

In Christ,

Wally.

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt from the House of the Missionaires Etrangères, Paris, to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
September 19, 1961

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128 rue du Bac  
Paris 7  
Sept. 19, 1961

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the volumes of the Annals — they will make a handsome and welcome addition to the new Paris House which we hope will be a reality soon.

I'm enclosing these two dispensations which made the trip: Rome - Toronto - Paris; and will now go back to Toronto. You do what you see fit.

The Paris house hunting is interesting, tho at times a bit discouraging, the prices being so high for houses that were really too small and not very suitable. However, I hope we get the go-ahead sign on this one, and get settled in it by November 1st at the very latest. The scholastics have not seen it as yet; but I showed them the plans and they seem very keen.

Your gift of the Annals was the third donation to the new Paris House: 1) A missal from Father Andy McLean; 2) A Chalice from Father George Beaune; 3) the Annals. Many thanks.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wally.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard, in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
September 23, 1961

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Paris, Sept. 23, 1961.

Dear Bob,

So far as I can remember, I turned over all the keys I had for the file case to you before leaving for Rome in February. To my knowledge I have no key either here or in Toronto. Did you ask Johnny Gaughan if he had one or two? My recollection is that you had one and John had one.

Eddie Sullivan arrived here yesterday. He came over to see me, but I was out. I expect him back today, as I think he wants to live here at the Missions Etrangères. Then maybe, if we get a house, he will live with the Community.

The scholastics are fine and are finding their way very nicely. Their classes do not begin until October 6th which gives them some time to visit and to become accustomed to their new and very different surroundings. It sure is a great opportunity for them and no doubt they'll make the best of it. Now if we could only get a house ...

Eddie Sullivan just came and sure enough he is taking a room here. He seems to be happy at the prospect of settling down someplace for a while. He looks thin, of course, but I guess that's due to his usual state of health. In any



P. Wallace Platt  
September 23, 1961

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case he's looking forward to his stay in Paris.

Could you ask Johnny Gaughan to send me some forms for the financial reports. I'd simply like to know what headings are used so that when the time comes to give an account of finances we can do it properly. And anything else you would consider of interest or of benefit to our house, I'd be glad to receive same.

Very kindest greetings to all and prayers for your deliberations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wally.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





P. Wallace Platt  
October 18, 1961

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128 rue du Bac,  
Paris 7  
Oct. 18, 1961.

Dear Bob,

Thanks so much for two very kind and welcome letters — yours are always appreciated and, as I have said before, the time taken to write them is also deeply appreciated.

What would you think of "Residence Charbonnel"? Rings rather nicely, and brings the New World and the Old together rather well. Cardinal Feltrin this morning reacted to the name, and when someone would ask an explanation it might be a chance to speak of our origins. I'm sorry, I can summon no enthusiasm for Maison d'Aviau. It would soon be Maison d'Avion, and they would think we were part of the Air Force or an Aviation Club. The address of the new house is: 27, rue Maxamilien Robespierre, Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine), France. Tel. MIC 68-36. And if you would like to know Father Vincent Kennedy's number in Rome, it is 561.286. (I happen to have it from last year.)

All goes well. We sign the option tomorrow, and we shall certainly be in by December 1st. We bought furniture today and tomorrow Father Hubert Coughlin is leaving for Annonay. Will write more later.

In Christ,

Wally.



P. Wallace Platt  
December 5, 1961

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128 rue du Bac,  
Paris 7  
December 5th 1961

Dear Bob,

It has been some time since I wrote, but I hope your other news sources have been able to keep you up to date on the Paris foundation.

The week shapes up like this: Thursday, December 7th: We occupy the house, take two meals there, get settled and sleep there. Friday, December 8th: First Mass in the house, Father Platt; 4:00 p.m. Archbishop George Flahiff arrives. Sunday, December 10th: 11 am, Blessing of the House.

We hope to have a news coverage of the Blessing by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Paris. But even if we don't, I shall have a full picture story for you by Christmas, and that without fail.

Since there are still some things unfinished, and some of the furniture not installed, we are going to postpone an "open house" until, possibly, after Christmas, but I'm going to try to get some other Basilians here for Sunday. Archbishop Flahiff will be with us from



P. Wallace Platt  
December 5, 1961

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Friday afternoon until Monday morning.  
He phoned me from Rome this morning to  
confirm his plans.

Bud is still after those Rules you re-  
quested. Write when you get a moment.

Kindest regards to all,

Wally.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to  
Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed  
from the original deposited in the  
general archives of the Basilian  
Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
January 24, 1962

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Issy, January 24, 1962

Dear Bob,

Received notice for Reports. Will have same delivered to you on time, I hope. I had looked for a letter from you enclosed, but, finding none, it occurred to me that I had not written you for a long time, and that perhaps the error and tardiness was on my side.

We have received quite a line of visitors since taking up "housekeeping" here. Archbishop Flahiff, of course, headed the list. Then Jim Hanrahan (who stayed until January 15th), Ron Gentile, Bill Irwin, the confreres from Annonay (George Beaune, Charlie Principe and Fernand Geneston), the Gilsons: Monsieur and Jacqueline, the Parish Priest, the Superior of the Seminary at Issy, the Real Estate Agent, who found the house for us, with his family, then Father Houme came to stay with us for a week to consult the National Archives and the Bibliothèque Nationale. He was very happy about his work and his discoveries here. While he was here we had Bishop Rupp and his Secretary to dinner one day. It was the Bishop's seventh anniversary of consecration, so we had a big cake with seven big red roses (edible), and we sang "Happy Birthday", with various interpretations of the third line,





P. Wallace Platt  
January 24, 1962

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all of which pleased and, I think, touched the Bishop. He is a Basilian enthusiast.

Bob, do you think the coloured picture of the house would make a good postcard? I was thinking of having some made of the house so that we could send them to confreres, families and friends who might be interested. I you think the picture a good one, could you send it back to me with the negative please?

All well here. No sickness so far, thank God. The scholastics are getting ready for their big mid-term exams. Kindest to all at 200.

In Christ,

Wally.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
March 7, 1962

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)  
March, 7, 1962.

Dear Bob,

Thought you might be interested in these shots; they give some idea of the view and the surroundings. Our view isn't quite as good as the card might lead you to guess, but it is mighty fine all the same. And when we get our new floor added, it should be even finer.

We seem to be getting through the winter with nothing more than a few colds. As Eddie Sullivan would say "par for the course". The time seems to be whizzing by. The architect showed me the plans for the new floor, and promised to have an estimate for us in a few days. I shall forward same to Toronto when I have it.

You must know by now that the scholastics did very well in their exams. Of course its encouraging, and the ice is broken, for they now know they can handle it. Very kindest to all; I hope the winter is easing off. Prayers.

In Christ, Wally.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard.)



P. Wallace Platt  
May 29, 1962

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Issy, May 29, 1962

Dear Bob,

Borrry to be late in acknowledging yours of the 14th. Thanks in advance for sending the Rule. It has not arrived as yet.

We have had rather quite a few visitors. Vincent Thompson was with us for four days. He took Paris in his stride and seemed to love it. He was quite keen on the house. Then we had three boys from Vancouver, one of whom is going to the Novitiate in September — Mac Brown. They seem to be first class, all three. This last weekend Bob Madden with his mother, Jim Hanrahan and another lday from Detroit (Mrs. Madden's travelling companion) were all here. The fathers stayed with us (Eddie Sullivan's room is free as he is in Annonay), and the ladies at a hotel nearby.

The exams are getting close and the boys are working hard. They don't get blue however, and manage to maintain a very good spirit. I'm sure next year's group will find a congenial atmosphere.

I've had no Mass Intentions for quite a while now — two weeks in fact. If there are any around, would sure be grateful. Kindest regards to all, In@hrist, Wally.



P. Wallace Platt  
June 4, 1962

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Maison S. Basile  
Issy, June 4, 1962

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your kind letter this morning. The Mass intentions are much appreciated. We should have enough for a while, even with visitors, as my brother, Ed, sent me some and Father James Martin sent me some. Clarence Drouillard is here at the moment (Eddie is still in Annonay). Frank Mallon is expected on the weekend and Jim Hanrahan will be with use from June 18th until early August.

Our building is making no progress, although the architect promised me ten days ago that things would be rolling next week, i.e. last week. Nothing happened. So I shall go and see him again today. I asked him for just a general estimate re cost of turning the garage into a Common Room, but even on that I've had no results. But there is absolutely no worry about housing our new members. We'd have no difficulty doubling up for a spell.

The boys are buckling down for exams which begin formally next week, although they've had one or two already. They are very good workers and should do well. They also are possessed of





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an excellent spirit among themselves  
which helps a lot too.

The weather stayed very bad all through  
May, and we even had the furnace on in  
June! (You can normally turn it off in  
March.)

Father Wey is having a hard time of it.  
I hope it does not become more serious.

All six copies of the Rule arrived,  
and many thanks for same. We had the  
solemn opening of the appointments  
yesterday at 5 p.m. sharp — five hours  
before Toronto, I guess.

All the best from all,

In Christ,

Wally

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August 24, 1962

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Dear Bob,

I owe you a letter from way back. Yours is dated July 17, and that's getting on for a month and a half.

Our house is reaching for the sky. All the passers-by stop to admire (at least that is how I interpret their fixed stare) and those who do not stop (young to middle-aged ladies) are whistled at by the Italian workmen. We are going to have a great reputation. Hope no one reports us to the Chancery Office. Maybe the girls will be disappointed when the work is finished and the whistling comes to an end!

Dick Allard, Rolly Gagnon and Norm Frenette are fitting in superbly. They seem to take things so much in their stride. The other boys are still down at Annonay, but will be here on the 30th. Two rooms will be double, Jacques Deglesne and Norm Frenette, Dick Allard and Rolly Gagnon. Father Sam Femiano's room will be waiting for him, and we can manage this-a-way until the end of October without too much difficulty. Of course, guests will be hard put to, but there is always the chesterfield.

Hope your summer was enjoyable. I hear Toronto was cool. So was Paris — and wet. There were very few fine days.



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Did you see where Charles <De Gaulle> was shot at again? We had nothing to do with it — honest!

Write when you can. We've had little Toronto news of late. Maybe there isn't any.

In Christ,

Wally.

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Issy, September 29th, 1962.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your kind letter and for the Instructions re Scholastics. Here is the Information for the Annals. I'm sorry the new floor looks "burnt out" but you might explain under the photo that it is still under construction.

What I have said in the write-up is a bit of reality and a bit of prophecy. The date of occupancy is a guess (and a hope), the cost is an estimate, and the business of the Community Room is still entirely in the future. You do as you wish re publishing. I'm quite sure that by the time you publish, it will be much more truth than fiction.

All goes very well. We are expecting the Archbishop of Winnipeg on Wednesday and though we are a bit crowded we are delighted to receive him. The floor is on as you know, but the stairs have not been put through as yet; the plumbing is to be done next week and then the electricity. Thus far it has gone fast, and things have worked out well. I thought our lawn would have been ruined, but it has come back miraculously, after having been tramped on all summer and used as a catch all for the construction.





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The boys are fine. The greater number really helps and I think we should have a very happy house if it continues in the same spirit as I'm sure it will. God has been very good to us. We've had literally tons of visitors, and I'm sure looking forward to the new rooms for the convenience they will provide.

Hope all goes well with you. Give my best to all and sundry at the Curial House. I sure hope Father Wey's visit is not too far off.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wally

Maison S. Basile was bought from the man who had built it one year before, and who was residing in it with his family, on November 25th, 1961, at a cost of 45,000 dollars. Before occupancy by the Community, two single rooms were cut off the large recreation room, some of the garage space was converted into a Chapel, and the heating was changed from coal to oil. The house then consisted of a spacious Chapel, seven individual rooms, a large living-dining room, a kitchen and garage.

On December 7th, two priests and four scholastics took up residence. The following day His Grace Archbishop George Flahiff, returning from Rome, arrived to



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bless the house. This took place on December 10th, Father James Hanrahan and Father Alazard, Superior of the Paris Foreign Mission Motherhouse on the Rue du Bac where the Basilian Community had received hospitality for four months, being present for the occasion.

Maison S. Basile is pleasantly situated overlooking the Park of Issy les Moulinaux and the wester side of Paris. The property opens on two streets, although it is away from heavy traffic. The Séminaire de St. Sulpice is a seven minute walk; the Metro for downtown Paris and the Institut Catholique is four minutes away. The Chapel decoration is by Monsieur Jean-Claude Saintville of Paris.

During the course of the year the house was visited by many friends of the Community, both from Europe and from America. Among these were Professor Gilson and Miss Jacqueline Gilson, His Excellency Bishop Jean Rupp, then Auxiliary of Paris, now Bishop of Monaco, Very Reverend Father Maurice Quéguiner, Superior General of the Paris Foreign Missions, Father Claude Longère, Superior of the Séminaire de S. Sulpice. Twenty-two confreres have visited and stayed at the house since its opening.



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A new floor was added during the summer, raising the number of single rooms from seven to twelve. Work began on July 31st and the addition was ready for occupancy November 15th, the architect being Monsieur Jacques Puijalon, and the contractor Monsieur Pierre Amyot, both of Issy. Total cost of building and furnishings was 12,000 dollars. The new rooms have hot and cold water and command a spectacular view over the City of Paris. The garage was converted into a Community Room, thus liberating the former salon for needed dining room and parlour space. New benches were installed in the Chapel.

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November 13, 1962

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Issy, November 13, 1962

Dear Bob,

The Annals arrived in very good shape this morning. Very good of you indeed to think of us and to send them by air. The numbering system fills me with admiration for all the painstaking work entailed. It has a very definite levelling effect, doesn't it? Take for example the case of Father Wey: in the front of the Annals he is the Very Reverend Joseph Charles Wey, etc. Then as you go through the list you find him down near the end, with just a very ordinary number, and his address is simply Curial House.

The House is fine, I mean in general. The construction moves ahead, but very slowly. I don't know when we will be able to occupy. The date seems to move further and further away, in spite of the fact that things seem to be getting done.

Now we are all mixed up with our planned Ordination. We had hoped to have Archbishop Flahiff at Annonay on the 15th of December, but Sunday he telephoned from Rome to say that he had to be in Winnipeg for the Consecration of the new Bishop of Victoria, and that his trip to Annonay would have to be early in that week, and very short. Then yester-





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daythere was a telegram to the effect that he would not be able to go to Annonay at all, as he has to leave Paris on the 11th. Now what we hope is that he can at least confer the Diaconate on Jacques Deglesne here on the 10th of December. We are hoping that Father René Robert will be able to find a Bishop for the Ordination on the 15th as planned. C'est la vie!

Some little sickness, but nothing serious. Bud Paré is down with flu, and Norman Frenette is a bit under the weather, but both will be around before very long I should say.

Shall try to get the necessary information to you on the Ordo as soon as possible. I hope you don't ask us to make too many commemorations, the Universal Ordo is wonderful.

Regards from all here. Hope your winter has not been too troublesome as yet. We've had a bit of a cold snap, but nothing terrific.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wally.

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Jacques Deglesne  
March 7, 1960

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Soldat Jacques Deglesne  
S.B. 86.127  
A.F.N.  
Via France

Khenchela, March 7, 1960.

Dear Father.

I am ashamed of myself, I should have answered to you earlier, but I am not a good correspondent and especially when I have to come back to the English Language. I still can read it fairly easily, but I found harder to write it.

I must thank you Father, for sending me first of all the appointments in June and then the Annals in December.

In June I was very busy with my Military Boys. They left on the last day of June. After that, as you know, I lost my Brother, and a few weeks later I went to Algeria.

Here the life is pretty rough even though I think I am very lucky. I found some nice friends and I have the chance to have Mass almost every Sunday. I mean that Mass is said every Sunday in the Parish Church, but it is hard to get out of the camp; first of all, because we have work all the time even Sunday morning, and then our Captain is not too kind.



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Anyway, there is a great deal of good to do. Sometimes, it gets very hard, but after these moments, there are always good periods. Actually, my main jobs are to prepare a Boy for his First Communion at Easter Time and then to talk with another one who is Protestant. He wants to get married, after his Military term, with a Catholic girl. He is therefore very interested by the different problems of our Religion.

As ordinary job, I am working in an Office. (That's why I have a typewriter). I am taking care of the official mail. The job in itself is not pleasant, but I just got the chance of sleeping in the Office. I am therefore alone after the hours of working and I enjoyed this solitude.

For a few days, the country is quiet. For sure, we have to be prudent, but besides that as the weather is very fine, it makes the days more enjoyable. The winter has been quite rough. I must tell you that I am lost in the mountains to the South of Constantine. Beside the snow, and the cold wind, it was fighting. Well! Now we are looking to the Summer. I heard that it is quite warm and the water very scarce. It is already scarce and we cannot get washed every day and our uniforms are very dirty. Well! it's the Military life and one day it will end up. That day is still very far, however I hope to be back for Christmas.



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I think, Father, that this little description is enough to give you an idea of what my life is here. I, therefore, end up my letter in telling you that I don't forget you and all the confreres in my prayers, especially during this Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ

(Letter from Mr. Jacques Deglesne to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Kevin J. Kirley  
April 4, 1960

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Collège du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay, Ardèche, France.  
April 4, 1960.

Dear Father Scollard,

Sincere thanks for the list of the capitulars as well as for your own letter enclosed.

Your suggestion is a good one, excellent even, but, alas! impossible. As you know our school is in full session until June 29th, and the last two weeks are without a doubt the heaviest in the whole year. By leaving Annonay June 10th (after three hours of class) I can be at St. Michael's the evening of June 11th ready to go to work the morning of June 13th. Even at that, I shall be placing the burden of all my classes and examinations both written and oral on the shoulders of the remaining full-time teachers for the last two weeks of the school year.

Another complication has arisen of late. Our Spanish professor, a layman, with whom I collaborate in that field, and who has not been doing very satisfactory work all year long, has recently committed professional offences sufficiently serious to oblige us to let him go. There being no replacement available at the moment, I shall have to take over the direction of his classes, all of them



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in the upper years including the baccalaureat Spanish class. Once I leave, they will have no Spanish prof. at all, and two weeks is a sizeable period in which to keep them busy on their own with assignments.

I am grateful to you however, Father, for offering that particular suggestion which would be in the interests of the house here and of the Community; and above all, please don't think I am simply brushing it aside with a flat refusal. If it were possible, believe me, I would take you up on it, as I too realize how much good can be done in what Father Shaw (John) Sheehan so beautifully described as "restful conversations".

May I in my turn make a suggestion to you? Should you have the time to write again, could I ask you to list as many items as you can think of that confreres are likely to ask about regarding Annonay? I have a number already prepared, thanks to my visits in 1956 and 68, but the longer I stay over here the farther I seem to feel from the interests and points of view of the confreres in the Canadian and American houses. That may shock you, but I think it is only natural a part of that long process of adaptation that one simply has to make in a foreign country. If you could send me that little list sometime in May, I should be very grateful indeed.



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April 4, 1960

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We are on Easter holidays here as of Saturday at noon. It seems early, as yesterday was only Passi on Sunday, but then, the re-opening on Easter Tuesday will seem early too! Our weather is beautiful with spring flowers everywhere and the fruit trees in full bloom. We really didn't have much of a winter. From what I hear from Lindsay, it was not quite the same story there.

Sincerely yours, with best wishes for a happy and holy Easter,

Kevin.

(Letter written by Father Kevin Kirely. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Kevin J. Kirley  
June 27, 1960

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33 Glenelg Street E.  
Lindsay, Ontario.  
June 27, 1960.

Dear Father Scollard,

Do you think it would be possible to mail me a list of the appointments? I forgot to ask you about it before leaving Toronto. If you don't have any extras copies, perhaps you could lend one to Father Louis Bondy or Charles Roume before Saturday, July 2nd, that is, if they're out by that date. I plan to meet the above mentioned fathers in Peterborough, whence we three shall proceed to Ottawa for Leo Sands First Solemn Mass.

My pastor is still in St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough, but says he'll be back on the job this week. Father Hart and I are carrying on in his absence.

Tomorrow the St. Mary's altar boys are to have a Mass and breakfast (70 of them) at which I'm to speak. If it had been any other group, I would have declined the offer, but wherever there is a possibility of vocations, I feel one should make an effort. It will probably be the Rotarians next, and then the Knights of Columbus and possibly the Christophers — if only I had something to say! No place like home for a good rest! Sincerely in Domino, Kevin.





Kevin J. Kirley  
October 4, 1960

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Institution Secondaire  
du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 4 Octobre 1960

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for your newsy letter and please  
excuse my tardiness in supplying you  
with this information.

Recent death: Father of Father Reynouard.  
No degrees obtained, no changes in  
address of telephone.

Enrolment for 1960/61: Total 251, Fresh-  
men, 55; Other new students, 10;  
Boarders, 105.

Tuition for year 1960/61: Juniors 375 NF  
(\$75), Seniors 465 NF (\$93).

Room and Board for 1960/61: Juniors  
1,050 NF (\$210); Seniors 1,080 NF (\$216)

Local appointments include: Director of  
Studies, Father Robert; Head Prefect,  
Master of Ceremonies, Father Lextrait;  
Prefect for Seniors, Father Marceau;  
Prefect for Juniors, Father Roure;  
Organist, Father Roure; Students' Spir-  
itual Program: Fathers Kirley, Lextrait,  
Roure; College Sacristan, Father Pouzol;  
at Maison Saint Joseph, Father Marcou;  
Vocations: Saint John Bosco Club, Father  
Pouzol; Saint Dominique Savio Club,  
Father Kirley; Bookstore, Father Geneston;  
Y.C.S., Student Cinema, Father Reynouard;



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Legion of Mary, Father Marceau; Chaplain of College Parishioners and Annonay Boy Scouts, Father Celette; School Paper "Mon Collège", Fathers Reynouard and Chomel; School Choir, Father Chomel.

We are happy to announce that the former diocesan superior of the college, Canon Eynard, recently appointed permanent secretary for the Catholic Association of Secondary Education for the Grenoble district, has taken up residence in Maison Saint Joseph and helps out with classes in the college. During the summer the roof on the professors' wing, about one third of the entire roof, was reinforced underneath with new beams and rafters, and completely re-tiled. A nurse's room and isolation ward were added to the infirmary. Nineteen diocesan seminarians were enrolled in the college and follow courses with our students. For the first time this year a students' council was elected.

I guess that about does it for our house, Father. There are a few other minor items hardly worthy of the Annals: Father Charles Roume fell through one of the choir stalls in the chapel two nights ago with a great crash and frightened all of us as we recited Compline, but fortunately he was not hurt at all. One of our cows, I'm not sure if it is the brown one or the black and white one,



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presented us Saturday night with a healthy calf — no name yet. The weather has been so bad our wine is going to be of very poor quality this year; the wine growers are having a tough time harvesting the grapes with rain almost every day. The mushrooms, however, promise to be a good crop, if only we could agree on where to go to look for them. Three kids have broken an arm since school opened playing in the yard and one of our boys is down with rheumatic fever. Father Louis Mazet expected to die during the summer, at the latest during our retreat, but he was well enough to coming dashing over to my room through the rain the other day to give me some information about his ordination picture which I shall send on to you.

Sincerely in our Lord,

Kevin.

(Letter from Father Kevin Kirely. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



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June 17, 1960

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Pontificio Collegio Canadese  
Quattro Fontane 117  
Roma 6-17-60

Dear Bob:

At this time I don't know whether you belong to the ruling class or not. This morning I decided to visit the Vatican Library. I heard all sorts of tales about how hard it was to get in but I had no trouble getting the pass, etc. I filled out an application at the gate going into Vatican City and the man gave a general direction which I didn't find too clear. I asked a few people and they never heard of it. I finally saw an oriental guy with a big beard and he looked like a scholar so I decided to ask him in French, "Où est la bibliothèque?" He answered, "You mean the Vatican Library, Father". I got in to see the secretary and we had a nice chat and he gave me a pass which I took to the desk and gave it in and signed up for key 90 at 10:20 .am. He said second floor. I went up about 20 feet and by mistake walked into the cataloguing room. The head cataloger met me and I told him who I was and interested in cataloguing, so he showed me all around the place and what they use etc. in cataloguing and classification. They use Library of Congress classification with no changes for Catholic stuff. He put me on an elevator and brought me





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the other 20 feet up to the second floor. I browsed around for three quarters of an hour looking through their classified catalog. They had about 30 books in the PS (American Literature) and most of them were dillies. Some beautiful reference books many of which we have and an awful lot I hadn't seen before. I went out for a smoke and met an American girl from New York, a Manhattanville graduate studying archaeology at New York University. She is doing a thesis on St. Paul's outside the City before the restoration and is studying the manuscripts of the 4th century on it, the bills to the Pope, etc. So I went into the manuscript room and the Pre-monstratensian in charge took me out in the catalog room and showed how to find the catalogs and then how to look the individual manuscript in the catalog. Some of the catalogs are printed and others are handwritten. Each has a good annotation according to the Butler girl who had been using them. I was disappointed in most of the touts I took as they wasted too much time and you don't get enough time in the main places. However, I get tired and my legs pain me a good deal so I am taking it easier now. Actually it is quite easy to look up the places you want to go to and take a bus and do it leisurely. It is a terrific city and I never saw anything like it. I was at the canonization Sunday in the tribune of S. Elia



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and quite close to the Pope. The most thrilling religious experience I ever had. John XXIII led the office of Terce right across from us "coram Flood". I had tossed coins in the font of Trevi at night and visited the Colosseum at night and in general it has been a wonderful experience. I even played bridge with the Vice-rector and on the last hand made a steal of three no trump while the opposition had four spades. He greeted me at the lunch the next day with a remark about a man from Toronto who makes a great steal. He was my partner and we won so it was o.k. Larry Elmer is not going to the play so I bought his ticket so I will be here on July 8. Big Dan (Mulvihill) was thru here earlier. I got here June 11 coming up from Naples and I will be back here August 18 leaving for Naples on August 19 and sailing from there August 22. I expect to see Stan Kutz in Germany. If you get a chance write me the news care of Stan as I will be there till July 7. If not till later send it care of American Express in Paris as I expect to be there about the first part of August. There is one nice thing about coming back here, I will leave some things I don't need till I pick them up on the way back. I am living in Terry McLaughlin's room. Of course by now maybe it isn't his any longer. Most of the boys around here are very busy with preparation for exams and defences, etc. Dave



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Belyea got thru his and we had a great day (June 14) dining around. I learned to drive a Fiat 600 which I rented for the day and we had a lot of fun, even went swimming in the Lido at Ostia. Big beautiful beach and the water was great. I find you can get by most of the time on English and lots of expression by sign language, etc. I usually get the Daily American printed in Rome which keeps me up on the baseball scores etc. I came over on a first class stateroom all to myself and ate in tourist. My return ticket is way down in the 500's — four in a room, no toilet, shower, or telephone, so unless they get some cancellations and move me up I will find how the other side lives. Well I will close now sending my best to all.

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, C.S.B.

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J. Reginald O'Donnell  
August 24, 1960

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Villa S. Girolamo  
Fiesole, Firenze  
Italy  
Aug. 24, 1960

Dear Bob:

Now that you have the General Council on the rails, you may have time for a letter reading period. I suppose the brooms will be sweeping clean. I have a pleasant place to stay and it is cool at night. The days are now awful. Before it was beautiful. I was sick for a day or so from powerful drugs to clear up arthritis in my ankle; but that is o.k. Yesterday I got too much sun but that also passed, now I wear a hat. You have to learn to live in this country in a dozen ways. I use my spare?? time to study Italian. I got a tutor. The speech stopped developing so I had to get on with that; the reading of course is solved. I write not badly, albeit slowly. But I still have a lot to learn. I think two months might do it. I got myself an overgrown bicycle for transportation. I'm not an expert on it as yet, but that makes me abnormally careful, so I am probably safer being an amateur. But I was tied down too much. Sunday I take oof and I want to get out in the country abit on my day off. Also I like to run out to Quarrachi to see Fathers Doucet and





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Robert. Doucet can help me a lot on Thomas of York. He is a Franciscan specialist, although pretty well shot in health. He told me the other day that he was finished. He surley looked it. But he has been a great Franciscan. I trust everything is o.k. in Toronto. I understood Father Wilfrid Sharpe preached a splendid retreat. Of course I am not surprised.

Are the new Councillors easy to handle? If you see Father John Madden, tell him that I told an Australian priest that I thought they might have a room for him for a day or so. He is a good cobber and should be in Toronto the second week or third of September. There seems nothing to report. Look after Jim Rent. He will be first-class. Greetings to all.

Sincerely

J.R. O'Donnell.

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Robert J. Madden  
September 18, 1960

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Dear Father Scollard,

Your letter arrived while I was on retreat, that is the reason for the slight delay in my answer to it. First of all, my address is still the same: Knights of St. Columba Club, 11 Lansdowne Road W.11 London, England. Telephone PARK 5623. As of now I can see no change. I have tried about seven possibilities with no success. I am keeping an eye and ear opened for a suitable residence in an ecclesiastical house but they are not easily come by in London. There are parish possibilities but the risk of being regarded as a curate and being drawn into parish work is too great. I have been strongly advised against a parish by student-priests I have met, by some religious I have spoken to and by the University Chaplain, who is also a Pastor himself. If my address does change, however, I shall let you know.

I was glad to hear of the meeting of moderators of scholastics. Perhaps had I still been at Assumption I would not have made it either. I await the report on the Chapter and shall send it on as you request to Stan Kutz. Could you drop me a line sometime about departed scholastics? I know of Bill Gambriel's departure but have heard only rumours of others. I heard of two from Assumption but nothing definite. I enjoyed my year with the scholastics very much,



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but what good it did the Community I guess can be justly questioned.

My own academic situation is very good. I have been well received by all here and am thrilled at the opportunities I find here. Please God I shall take advantage of them. My best to all. All I can announce is a certificate from London University certifying that I took a summer course and "contributed excellently" to the discussions, a bit of information that is hardly noteworthy "Annal-wise".

The procession of Basilians through London has come to an end. Mike Sheehan is still in England finishing up his work in the various cathedral libraries. I believe he leaves for other parts soon. Con Crowley left a week ago after what I think was a very profitable visit to England. He had appointments with many worthwhile academic people in London, Cambridge and Oxford and did a lot of good for Assumption and the Basilians besides gaining a lot for himself by being over here.

Father Don Logan, history Ph.D. student at the University of Toronto from Boston arrived for a year's study to finish his thesis. He is looking for a place to stay. He can't get in here. From what everyone tells me I am in a very good position by being here at the Knights of St. Columba Club.



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Please give my best to the confreres. Incidentally, congratulations (?) on your re-election; it was no surprise. I think I am with the majority in my joy over the Chapter's work as regards the elections. I recommend myself to your prayers and those of the seminarians. I hope to write Father Flahiff soon.

In Christ and Mary

Bob Madden, C.S.B.

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Father Robert J. Madden  
March 20, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

Here is, please God, my fifth and last clergy exam. I was not able to write it on the day assigned, but wrote it as soon after as possible; no one telephoned the questions to me before I opened my envelope. Incidentally, thanks for addressing the exam-containing envelope "Fr. Superior". I tell the people over here that I am the Basilian superior in these parts, but did not realize that my position was recognized at the higher levels. I hazard the guess that never again shall I receive an envelope in such a fashion

Jack sent me a wire about Father Flahiff. I was at breakfast when it arrived and it almost put an end to my day. I was very sad at first to hear the news because it meant losing him, in a sense; but then I began to realize what a great thing it is for the Church, especially in Canada, and I became rather proud and happy about the whole thing. I feel that Father Flahiff is making a great sacrifice and must have suffered a lot over this matter.

Father Joseph Wey sent me the usual brief note with my "allowance" and in his own style said, "There is a bit of news; Father Flahiff was named Archbishop of Winnipeg yesterday." Delight-



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ful; but I can well imagine what anxieties the understatement conceals.

All goes well here. We had spring for about two weeks and yesterday the mercury took one awful plummet and now it is cold and cloudy and dreary and the British seem more at home; they were quite confused by the 60 and 70 degree temperatures of the last few days and some seemed embarrassed by it all; now they are happy and secure; seeing the union jack flying in a dreary sky.

My best toall; and thanks especially to you again for the occasional letter. I hope to see Ed. Nelson for an afternoon or so during the Easter vacation. He tells me he has sent all his papers in. I hope he makes it; from what I hear we can use him, and many others. God bless you and please pray for me.

Bob Madden, C.S.B.

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Robert J. Madden  
September 15, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for the letters appended to the sad newsletters you sent. The deaths of Fathers Edmund Burns, Blake Coll and Bill Conway were great shocks. I think I remember hearing that Bill was in the hospital, but had no idea what was wrong with him or that it was serious. Father Wey is certainly having a baptism of fire.

About the addresses, as far as I know mine will remain the same. Further attempts to settle into a religious house have met with the same difficulty since the places around here are just not equipped to take student priests for any length of time. The place I am now in is very good and the people most kind. It is about the closest thing you could find to a religious house (right down to the TV set) in London; the people who stop here are fine Catholics and there is a chapel just above my room. Also as far as I know Jim Hanrahan will be using this place as his basis of operations in England during the coming year. He should be here on September 20 from Annonay where he made his retreat, or planned to the last time I spoke to him. If there is any change in this I shall have him let you know or write myself.



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I can well appreciate John M. Kelly's remark about "nomadic" you-know-what. It seems that Jack has forgotten some of his own attitudes toward superiors who worked abroad. I also have pleasant memories of the dinner Frank Mallon spoke of. I missed him when he was on his way back through; I was at the Air Force base at the time. You must realize that this not the only "Basilian" meal held in London during the summer; although this season was not as busy as last, but busy enough.

I am glad to hear that Father Wey is going to talk to Paul Hennig; Eddie Brennan should also be able to form some opinions. I do not know if this application can be considered a last minute one since he has been thinking of this for a while and had the other consideration of finding out when he would be out of the service. I don't put these forth as reasons for his present acceptance, but only in the hopes that these things will be taken into consideration — as they probably would have been or have already been anyway.

The news about theologians in France and our missionaries in Mexico was really stirring. I would not be at all surprised if within a few years we have vocations from both places — in greater numbers. Has there been anything said





Robert J. Madden  
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(that can be published of course) about us and South America?

I shall not detain you longer. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and keep the newsletter coming; please God there will be no need for a long while to include the obituary of a confrere. Please give my regards to all. You might mention to Father Wey that the Benedictines at Glenstal were most kind to me during my retreat there and that Father McHenry sends his regards and congratulations.

In Christ and Mary,

Bob Madden, C.S.B.

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Robert J. Madden  
September 15, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

This is not to announce that I have received a degree, just to thank you for the letters and newsletters that arrive from time to time and which are most welcome. Jim Hanrahan is very well. At present he is at Oxford scraping through manuscripts and whatnot. He seems to be making progress in his research. My own goes along slowly, but I think surely.

Tonight it is snowing in London and strange though it may strike those of us who are rather used to such a phenomena, it is real news to the Londoner. There is only a relatively small quantity on the ground, but trains are late, cars are crashing into one another and people were hours late for work; it is amusing to hear the Londoners talk about the "shocking winter" when it has only snowed twice and perhaps gone down to about 20 degrees here.

Bill Irwin wrote me about the chapter decisions and assures me that Stan Kutz will send them on. I heard about the threat to the Pontiac Novitiate; I hope it doesn't go through. Are the novices lasting pretty well?

Jack has written a bit more often now that he is off the firing range. I trust



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he is all right. His letters certainly give every indication that he is fine and very busy with various new tasks with which he seems more familiar and at home than those that came with a set of keys to a car. Father Wey sure has had a lot in his first year. Incidentally, please tell him I received the funds I asked for and thank him for me. Two days later the financial report in the newsletter arrived — any connection?

Well, I shall sign off now and get back to work. Please give my regards to all and thanks again for your thoughtfulness in writing and remember that there is at least one Basilian adrift in and around Soho. This being one's own superior and all the local appointments has its advantages, but only rarely. Having Jim around is a great change this year — I wonder if he feels the same. Please keep me in your prayers and I shall remember you.

In Christ and Mary,

Bob Madden, C.S.B.

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John F. Callaghan  
October 19, 1961

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Assumption University of Windsor  
400 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
October 19, 1961

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th. The faculty for giving the retreat blessing comes as a bit of a surprise, but at your suggestion, I will restrain myself from rushing out to use it.

On Tuesday the 17th, at the Fall Convocation, Ed Sheridan and Ray Paramo both got their degrees. Ed's was a B.A.; Ray's was the B.Sc.

The ANNALS must take a lot of your time. So, we won't complain if the Moderators' meeting minutes are a bit late.

Could I impose on you to give Father Robert Fischette a call to assure him that Mr. Secondiano Zamparo is taking a course in Italian that is serving to keep up the subject for him? He and Father Hubert Coughlin had been concerned about this, but Deuce (that's his nickname) tells me it is a very good course for his purposes, and covers work new to him. I am preparing course details for Father Fischette's files, but it will be a few days before they are ready to be sent.





John F. Callaghan  
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Our building trades strike is still causing a few headaches, but some progress toward a settlement seems to have been made in the last couple days.

My brother in Montreal wants me to officiate at his wedding in December, and I am wondering about my legal jurisdiction for weddings. Can you give me any details? I remember getting something for Ontario, but it has been mislaid in all my moving, and whether the authorization goes with me into Quebec, I don't know.

Glad to know that Father Hubert Coughlin's absence hasn't brought a rash of changes in the Curial House. Very best regards,

In Our Lord

John Callaghan

P.S. I thought I remembered a permission to omit in public reading a part of either the Constitutions or the Rule, but neither Father E.J. McCorkelly nor I can find it in print anywhere, so we are ploughing through the whole thing. Am I right in thinking such a permission was once given—?

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John F. Callaghan  
September 20, 1962

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Church of Our Lady  
Guelph, Ont.  
September 20, 1962.

Dear Father Scollard,

Herewith are the coals of fire you asked me to heap upon you. I did indeed put my telephone number in a little note I sent to you a long time ago, but I can readily understand its being mislaid. For this and the failure to put my address in the Newsletter you so kindly sent there is no need to apologize. These are indeed minor shortcomings, probably the merest oversights. Before I forget to put it in this, the phone number here is: TAYlor 4, 3951.

I sneaked over to have a look at the guest book, and there found your name and Sam Femiano's. Sam had indeed signed as coming from Paris. It is a shame that you didn't look in at the rectory; it would have been very good to see you. I suppose you hadn't eaten, and that was what speeded your departure. We were through our evening meal, which we generally have at 5:30, so you needn't have feared any awkwardness on that account.

Anyway, by all means come another time. If you and Father Robert Fischette can drop by, please do so. It would be best if you could advise me beforehand, but



John F. Callaghan  
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usually you'd find me home. I go out to the library at Ontario Agricultural College frequently, but you could find me there. I will have to get to the University of Toronto library a few times, though, and it would be a shame to be there when you came here. So a card or a call the day before would ensure my being here to welcome you.

Father Arthur Weiler called yesterday on his way to the centenary celebrations in Mildmay. He seems very well; he and I went out to the College where he was anxious to look at the Geology Department. It was interesting enough, but we had very little time there. Father Weiler thought the New Deal for Assumption wasn't consummated yet, and this conflicts with other reports I've heard, so I'm still waiting for accurate information. If all goes well, I hope to get down there late in November for the American-Canadian Seminar; so maybe the details will be ironed out by then.

I was sorry to hear of Father Tom MacDonald's robbery. It's hard to know who to trust nowadays.

The new appointments raise a number of questions that will have to wait until I see a better informed Basilian than myself. I couldn't figure what had become of Brother Marcian, among other



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things, but I guess there's no way of telling what's going to happen before the end of the novitiate year.

I was all excited on hearing that a Courchene had gone to the Novitiate. I knew the one I had taught was a very fine student, and had won a Woodrow Wilson scholarship. I got over to Erindale a few weeks back, and found it was his brother, Robert, who had entered. I didn't know him, but no doubt, he too is a fine fellow.

Well, Father, this all for now, but it will be good to see you. All the best,

In Our Lord,

John Callaghan, CSB

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Harold B. Gardner  
October 3, 1960

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Newman Hall  
2099 Abington Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio  
October 3, 1960

Dear Father Scollard,

Thought I had better write you a brief note to give you my change of address and telephone number. No doubt you will soon be putting out your annals and will want this information.

All is going very well and the new residence accommodations are much more convenient all around. I am now within walking distance of the library school and it gives me the opportunity of getting over to the library more often and for longer periods of time. Staying with the Blessed Sacrament Fathers had the definite disadvantage of being at least an hour from the school by bus.

And need I comment on the tremendous improvement in the content of the courses here compared with Catholic University!! So far I am completely satisfied yet it is too early to give much of a report with only two weeks behind me.

Have been waiting for one of your news releases. Surely there is enough news now to put out your first bulletin!!'

Bill Brown informed me that you have



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been called in for consultation on the new catalogue. I am glad that he did and he was impressed with your willing co-operation for help and advice. I have every confidence that he will do well this year in his capacity as librarian. All he needs is to build up a little confidence in himself. Yet I think he was reluctant to make any decisions on his own while I was there. With me out of the way, he is forced into making decisions and I am sure he will judge prudently in every detail. Before I forget the phone number here is GARfield 1-1183.

I don't think Father Louis Bondy was too impressed by my change of universities from what I could gather the night before I left when I got money from him. The check book had not been turned over to Father Joseph Wey at that time and so I had to go to Father Bondy. Although he was no longer in charge I could tell from his remarks that he was rather suspicious of the whole affair. I said as little as possible at the time and left with disptach!

I must close now and prepare an assignment for tomorrow. I do hope to hear from you when you get a chance and I will try to keep you posted on my progress and developments here.

Sincerely inChrist,  
Harry.



Harold B. Gardner  
February 21, 1961

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Newman Hall  
2099 Abington Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio  
Rev. John J. Kilcoyne, Director

February 21, 1961.

Dear Father Scollard,

Received your notice of the death of Father William Roach. Was surprised that his death came so soon after seeing him but then, I didn't see what was keeping him alive. I have offered the usual suffrages.

I asked Father Wey to let you know my grades. I was a bit pressed for time my first week back so that I was not able to get a chance to write to you. In case you didn't get them, I received four "A's" and two "B's". Am rather pleased with them and am anxious now to see the end coming. This term is quite a bit heavier with the five extra hours. The reading assignments are tremendously heavy.

Am enclosing a clipping which appeared in one of the Cleveland papers re Western Reserve. Thought you might be interested in the statistics.

I have just sent Bill Brown a brochure on a copying machine that you might be



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interested in seeing. I recently found an advertisement on a new one that sounds like a good one (at least there is no solution to worry about). It is called the NEW XEROX 914 OFFICE COPIER. It is produced by: Haloid Xerox, Inc., 9X - 501 Haloid Street, Rochester 3, New York. The advertisement stated that they had offices in principal Canadian cities although it gave no addresses. Might be worth looking into.

The history paper that I have to write is not due until the end of the Semester. I suspect that the Dean expects a rather lengthy and exhaustive treatment. Am not sure whether there is sufficient information about the Institute Library to do a proper job. There is no exam for this course. The paper only is required. Should be able to get an "A" on it if I try. Don't think I can possibly do anything on it before Easter. Will probably have to come to Toronto Easter week to do the work on it there since there is no information here that I can use. Hope Father Wey will give his okay for the trip. Have not asked him yet and hate to keep bothering him. Won't be able to get away before Good Friday since I have classes till noon that day. I do have the whole week after Easter off however.

Will be interested in hearing from you when you get a breather. No doubt you





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are now busy preparing for the "Big Move".

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Harry

P.S. Have a very interesting lecturer on "The History of the Book". Also have a tremendous teacher for College and University Library Administration. This latter course is taught by the head librarian at Oberlin. I understand that she is the highest paid college librarian in the country. She certainly is worth the money.

(Letter from Father Harold Gardner. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Paul J. Meloche  
October 9, 1960

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Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Alberta  
October 9, 1960.

Dear Father Scollard,

I enclose the yearly contribution to the Annals. There are never too many changes in our particular section -- an increase in enrolment and a few things that look good on paper.

All the confreres are well. Bill Lewis has been and still is homesick. The West doesn't seem to have enchanted him as much as he himself might have thought it would. However, he's eating well which should indicate some contentment. Perhaps in time everything will heal.

You know, of course, that in mentioning the question of vocations, their following up once discovered, and their nurturing once "the bird is caught", you have struck a subject very dear to my little heart. Though perhaps not in the same way as you, I too have wondered at the heavy casualties at the end of certain years. Certainly a lot of screening is done in the Novitiates. Does that mean that the Scholasticates are responsible? I had the opportunity of living at Assumption University during



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the past summer and for my own personal information, I kept my ears and eyes open and my opinions to myself. I was not spying but I wanted confirmation or denial of things I had heard about. I have never limited my interest in vocations to the little groundwork that I do in one school. I regret that I couldn't spend more time at the Seminary on my way back. There are a few things that I should have liked very much to ask you about. Perhaps we share the same views, and I should like to compare notes. One thing has been accomplished though — the rounding up of moderators under the leadership of Father Francis Orsini. I too hope and pray that the Council will move quickly on the appointment of a Director.

Here at St. Mary's we have high hopes of being represented again in next year's class. So many odd things have gone through my little counselling room during the past month that I have done too little of my contact work with the prospects. Things are levelling off now and I should go at it full swing this coming week.

I trust that the two St. Mary's boys are holding their own at Richmond Hill. I keep informed through their parents. God willing, may they persevere!

So far, the new job has not turned out to be a headache. There are several



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things that need attention but I guess I'm the only one who sees the need. All good things come to those who wait. I shall bide my time.

The Lethbridge residence is almost ready for a housewarming. Several of the confreres here have seen it and all comments are favourable. I am pleased that they feel that way. Perhaps it will spark a few improvements of our own if for no other reason than envy.

Enough for now. Already I am late with the information for the Annals. I trust that the other houses will not keep the presses from rolling at an early date.

Sincerely in Christ.

Paul.

(Letter written by Father Paul Meloche. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers.)





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October 9, 1961

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Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Alberta  
October 9, 1961

Dear Father Scollard,

Again I must apologize for the dealy, but I include the annual information for the Annals. Last year, you figured I had made a mistake with regard to Lawrence Moran being tied up with the Army. Consequently he was put in the Navy instead. It was not a mistake. Lawrence is most active with the Army. His Dundays and Saturdays too are spent giving instructions, validating marriages, visiting homes, etc. etc. He just thrives on that kind of work. He is amazingly successful.

The Newman Club is functioning but agains quite some odds — they have no permanent meeting place and Lawrence is a bit frustrated at times. The Bishop wants every Catholic student to join and be an active member of the Club but the rest is in the hands of Providence.

We are looking forward to Father Wey's visit. I hope he comes when we are enjoying reasonably good weather. We had a good-sized snowstorm yesterday — the first and usually the one destined to kill all the flowers and spell doom for



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the leaves. We should have fine weather for a while now.

Bob Whyte seems to be westernizing well. He's had an operation for an ingrown toenail since he came to us — he was away from school for a week. But he's back in circulation now and keeps us posted on the World Series.

I ask your prayers for us and the prospective novices.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Joseph T. Muckle  
October 19, 1960

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600 North Boradwalk  
Hollywood, Florida  
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Dear Father Scollard,

The Monday night before I left, I gave the conference on Father Frank Forster. I then made a visit in the Church. The next day I missed your paper and concluded I left it in the Church. I could not find it but told Father Brian Hennessey and Miss Mary Smith if it turned up to give it to you. I sincerely hope I have not finally lost it on you.

Gratefully,

J.T. Muckle, C.S.B.

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Joseph T. Muckle  
March 15, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the note and the "clebret".  
Thank Father George Flahiff for it.  
Sorry Fathers Francis Ruth and George  
Phelan are not improving more rapidly.  
They are young yet and may gradually  
get their health back. I am moving  
down to the Callddenburgh Apts., 309  
Arizona Street, Hollywood next Sunday.  
Please give my change of address to  
Father Flahiff. I prefer to be there  
once it gets hot and there is an early  
spring here. Then too Father Charles'  
(hist brother) housekeeper can take my  
room once I leave and it is air-con-  
ditioned. She minds the heat very much.  
I am enclosing list of the parishes  
which have sent boys to the Seminary.  
It might be a good thing to give in the  
Annals a list of new novices and schools  
and parishes from which they came. It  
might wake up some of our places which  
are not pulling their weight.

In Xto,

J.T. Muckle, CSB

P.S. I am writing this on the pad on  
my knee, JTM.

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posited in the general archives of  
the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Joseph T. Muckle  
November 18, 1962

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Dear Father Scollard,

I thank you heartily for taking the time to write a letter each time you send a document to me. I deeply appreciate it. Father Armand Maurer writes me occasionally but limits his news pretty much to the Institute. Your letters are my only means of keeping abreast of items relating to all the houses. I misplaced the Annals the very day I received it. I read only the list of confreres down in the patio and I may have left it down there or it may possibly have found its way into the waste paper container in my room and the maid threw it out. Wait a while and the next time I write I shall let you know whether it has turned up. If it is definitely lost, I shall ask you to send me another copy.

I have got rid of my cold and have got back to par for me. I am doing the same amount of work at the Church as last year and do not find it too much. I don't think the Cuban crisis will develop into a shooting war in the near future at any rate. Russia will not give Castro the green light. She is afraid, I feel, that Red China will send a contingent to help Cuba and will try to win Castro over to her side in her differences with Russia. Only time will tell.



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November 18, 1962

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I am glad to know that there is so little serious sickness in the Order so far this year and especially that Father Wey is keeping well.

Kindest regards to all.

Yours in X<sup>to</sup>,

J.T. Muckle, C.S.B.

(Letter written from Hollywood, Florida. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



William C. Marceau  
October 20, 1960

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Institution Secondaire  
du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 20 octobre 1960

Dear Father Scollard,

My first reaction to your "ouvrage" entitled "Scholastic Losses" was to write to Father Francis Grescoviak. Have been wanting to do that for so long that the impetus of your report produced the final impetus!

You hit so many things that were problems for us in my year in the Novitiate at Rochester that I can only say: "Bravo". One of the most perplexing of these was the attitude of many Basilians towards our students whom they were encouraging to come to the Novitiate. My impression was this: if they could get the boy to the novitiate door and inside, they had done everything necessary so that the boy could be ordained. The fact that their protégé, no matter how fit or unfit, had come to the Novitiate he would automatically be purged of whatever shortcomings, weaknesses, undesirable qualities, etc. might be present in his makeup. Needless to say, this can cause all sorts of damage to a certain novitiate class, to say nothing of its long term effect on the community and the Church at large.



William C. Marceau  
October 20, 1960

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Your compilation in detail is telling. But the interrogations are most thought provoking. The American in me surged as soon as I saw the dollar signs; no, to talk of vocations and "argent" in the same breath — unthinkable! At that moment a pearl that fell often from the lips of Joe Courtney crossed my mind: "Hit the American in the pocketbook. It's the only language he understands." And I think that you've talked their language when you estimated \$100,000 - \$125,000. If nothing else makes many confreres realize that we must be prudent about our vocations seeking, this will do it. This pleased me immensely.

The paragraph regarding time consumption by those who left is most commendable because true. When I think of the time and effort spent on those who were more or less certain to leave — I shudder. When I look back and consider it was they who took the majority of time and work! Needless to say this is a very big problem. It will take more than your "Scholastic Losses" to solve it. But one thing is sure, this is a long step in the proper direction.

Father Antoine Epitalon fell down the day before yesterday. He dislocated the shoulder, but is still saying his Mass everyday in spite of the pain it causes him. Kevin Kirley has been in





William C. Marceau  
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bed all day with a cold and bad stomach.  
Our weather is most unlike last year's  
sunny, warm and pleasant autumn.

Many thanks, Father Scollard, for asking  
Bob Madden to send the report on to us.  
Most interesting to say the least.

Our best to all the confreres. Oremus  
pro invicem.

In Christo,

Bill Marceau.

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posited in the general archives of  
the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Matthew A. Killoran  
November 7, 1960

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Ste. Anne's Society  
Organized to promote devotion to Ste.  
Anne  
1000 Ste. Anne Street  
Detroit 16, Michigan  
Nov. 7, 1960.

Dear Bob:

Now that I have mailed out 23,000 letters for Ste Anne's Society surely one more letter will be easy to send. I was gald to get your letter giving me the latest from Toronto. We do not hear very much in the way of news from up there. Father Stan Lynch usuall knows all about something when we say we heard something. Of course that choice bit of information is never meant for the first or second councillor.

I was sorry to hear of Father William Roach's loss of weight. It does not sound too cheerful. If he was not so determined he would give up but I am sure that will be thelast thing he would want to do. He has always been a great Community man. When he was superior at St. Thomas College he was very well liked both by the students and people. My cousin -- Walter Killoran -- went to the old college when both Father Willie Roach and Father Tom Roach were there. He always asks about Father Willie. He can hardly believe



Matthew A. Killoran  
November 7, 1960

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he is still living. I recall Father Roach and my cousin — Frank Hayes — coming to our place to get my younger brother to go to St. Thomas. They never thought of asking for me. My father and I were Paris Greening potatoes at the time. I guess it never occurred to them that I might be anxious to go. Likely they jumped to the conclusion that "No man putting his hand to the plow is fit for the kingdom of God."

There is nothing new to tell you from here. I have just mailed those letters mentioned above. I took all the names I had for the past four years and wrote to them. Just the X'mas ones. I did not touch the Novena (summer) group — which amounts to about 5500 on our files. About 4500 signed up this year at the summer Novena. Out of the 23,000 I hope to get answers to maybe three or four thousand (maybe not). I will use them as a permanent X'mas file. The rest will go to the waste basket. It requires considerable work to get all those addressed and mailed but it is so easy when you have four priests all eager to promote Ste. Anne's devotion. I will be able to give you a more definite report on the outcome of my endeavour about the middle of January.

I heard last night that they are blessing the cornerstone at St. Mike's new Pond. I should have really gone up for



Matthew A. Killoran  
November 7, 1960

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it. After all I coached a Junior Toronto Hockey League Team a couple of years. I don't recall having won any cups but we had some lovely long trips out to Weston and Willowdale. In fact on some of these trips — As Father Tim Dolan would say — we didn't get back until after dark. Of course Father Joe Walsh didn't say a word if we came in late for supper.

You mentioned Father Henry Carr not getting excited about writing his autobiography. I believe I should begin my own. I am sure no one could put in words and describe my trip back to Texas when I came from the Missions to make the Retreat at St. Michael's College. Father Carr saw to it that I went back in a hurry. That is the time that Father Glavin offered me extra money to take a chair car. I said I wouldn't need it since I got such a kick in the pants that I would likely not be sitting down for a while. You should ask Father Glavin if he remembers that incident.

We begin our Forty Hours Devotions next Sunday. They close on Tuesday. That should be enough excuse for you to come and pay us a visit. We do need extra help on the Litany of the Saints. Bring your own tuning fork. We usually invite Basilian Fathers from Assumption or Central...

As ever, Matt.





Matthew A. Killoran  
September 27, 1961

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Ste. Anne's Society  
Organized to promote devotion to  
St. Anne  
1000 Ste. Anne Street  
Detroit 16, Michigan  
Sept 27, 1961.

Dear Bob:

There is nothing much to report from Ste. Anne's. We do not change very much from year to year. There are no new homes going up and not many improvements on the old. In answering your questions I was puzzled about the elementary schools. If it is catholic schools then we only have one. If it takes in non-catholic schools then we have four. The total population within our boundaries is hard to say but I think 8500 would cover it.

I was sorry to hear about Father Tom MacDonald's accident. I might add that all roosters down there are not as vicious as they are in Bay de Vin. I have great sympathy for him and his sprained ankle. I sprained mine at Assumption College coaching a football team and had a cast on it. T.A. almost accused me of breaking it on purpose to get out of teaching. His only words of sympathy were "You will have to teach with the cast for you're not going to get out of teaching." So had to teach.

Father Wey was here last week so he will be able to give you first hand inform-



Matthew A. Killoran  
September 27, 1961

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ation about Ste. Anne's and the neighbouring houses. He and Father William Murray went out to the Novitiate with Father Stan Lynch. Father Murray was not wearing his Alpine cap but I suppose the weather is too mild for one yet. Father Rdolph Diemer is on vacation now. He has one more Sunday. I expect to see the fir flying when he comes. He is a great priest and so cheerful and easy to get along with. Father Stan Lynch was good too but he wanted you to argue with him most of the time. I am not much good on an argument.

I had a very fine visit to Belledune. There is not too much of interest going on down there. Even the University is quiet. It seems they have lost interest in sports and are going in more for higher education. Perhaps if the mines open up around Bathurst and New Castle there will be more excitement. Well Bob there isn't much to tell you today. I am in a rush to get this away to you. I will drop you another note when some of the rush is over. With best wishes to you and all in your new abode,

As ever, Matt.

(Letter of Father Matthew Killoran to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Matthew A. Killoran  
September 20, 1962

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Ste. Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
1000 Ste. Anne St.  
Detroit 16, Michigan  
Sept 20, 1962.

Dear Bob:

Your request for information is enclosed with this letter. You have no obligation to print it word for word but can take the meat out of it and use it.

I was glad to hear from you. I was sorry I was away when you were here. I don't know how you manage to miss me so often. I feel as I never go away. However, we may get together on one of those occasions.

Floyd's anniversary is coming up this Sunday. Rudy Diemer and I often mention things he did and said. It is a shame that such a person has to be taken away from us. Floyd Crowley, Tim Dolan and Pete Wilbur go down as characters that are still with us. They are so often quoted that it is hard to forget them.

There is nothing important to tell you from Ste. Anne's. We are still trotting up and down hill. The parish is getting more and more unravelled each year. At present they have about half of the old Good Shepherd buildings torn down. It will be a blessing and a God-send.



Matthew A. Killoran  
September 20, 1962

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Father Cyril Howard has about recovered from his trip abroad. You can just see the spirituality oozing out of him. No doubt some of it will rub off on some of the confreres. So far it hasn't taken too great a grasp of Father Pacher. Father Diemer may be down to see you soon. He hasn't taken his vacation yet but plans on leaving this Sunday. He will spend a few days in Toronto.

If the Lord spares me I will write you a longer letter in a few days. At present I am rushed with Ste. Anne's Society because our secretary took sick a couple of days after I went on my vacation and no one had the faculties for filing the members during my absence.

As ever,  
Matt

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Matthew A. Killoran  
October 6, 1962

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Ste. Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
1000 Ste. Anne St.  
Detroit 16, Michigan  
Oct. 6, 1962.

Dear Bob:

Father John Collins in Sugar Land has asked me to preach a Mission there and in New Gulf during Lent. I am not sure how you go about a thing like that. I am not much at taking on things of that kind. I presume you need a topic sentence and then develop it. I may get some of the matter on my method column. Barnes at Jarvis gave that as a criticism of one of my Latin classes I taught for him. As you will recall we had to divide our lesson plan in two columns — Matter and Method.

Now if the Lord spares me and I am still alive at the end of the Mission I would like to give them some kind of a Blessing. Do you think you could have Father Vincent Kennedy asking Pope John to write one out for me. I don't want the one that Father Pacher uses here for blessing cars. He just leans in and with one sign of the cross he does the whole job. Of course no need for a ritual, holy water, etc. We claim that he is putting the blessing of a happy death on it.



Matthew A. Killoran  
October 6, 1962

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Father Hubert Coughlin and Father Robert Fischette were here the other day for a brief visit. I was glad to see them. I explained to them Father Savage's method of starting the Participation Mass in his parish last year. Bob may remember the details. It is too long to write in a letter. Some years ago Father Savage had me preach at his 25th anniversary Mass. In the sermon I told the people that when Father Savage went to Assumption College as a student he wasn't there long until the Basilian Fathers recognized that God had endowed Father Savage with a "superstaturated solution of intelligence". Father Savage who was sitting in the sanctuary burst out laughing but I kept right on. Bob Lamb was the deacon and he even cracked a smile. Of course the Lithuanian congregation did not understand what I had said. This part was only injected for Bill's benefit.

What do you think of the Assumption University situation? I would like to hear Father Tom MacDonald's views on it. I am glad I am not the treasurer now. The new Board of Directors will have an awful job trying to figure out who to put on Rec. and the big Dorms. As far as I can see the only one who is sure of his position there now is Old Gabe (the carpenter). He has been there since Father Bill Storey's time.



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October 6, 1962

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Father Rudolph Diemer should be with you one of these days. He is on his vacation and plans on spending a few days in Toronto. Tell him that we miss him here very much. It seems that Father Pacher and Father Cy Howard must vote for opposite parties in elections, After Father Howard has said about all that can be said in one long sentence, Father Pacher will say, "By Jove". Those two words carry more weight than all Howard has said.

I must go now. Hope you can get the blessing for me. After listening to me a couple of times I suppose I will have to offer S & H or Gold Bell stamps to have them come back the rest of the nights.

Best wishes and prayers,

Matt

(Letter from Father Matthew Killoran to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Ulysse E. Paré  
September 26, 1962

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Dear Father Scollard,

This is the feast of our Canadian martyrs — unhonoured, unsung and even uncommemorated here in Paris — and yet, they were French, weren't they? Thank you for the card from Windsor. Were you Visitor there — or merely a visitor? In either case I hope the accommodations and ice cream were adequate.

As you doubtless know a large part of the summer was spent with our French confreres. We found them "très sympathiques" exhibiting many of the qualities "typical of Basilians". The area around Annonay and St. Albans is picturesque and varied — no end of historical interest. On the whole I feel toward Annonay the way you probably feel about Windsor. It's a wonderful house ... to visit. Seriously though, I think our presence and the resultant contact did contribute somewhat to "good relations."

Since this is Annals' time for you, I'm sure you won't mind a few remarks? I might point out for example that our street is named Maximilien Robespierre. Also I hope the names of all the scholastics still in the Community will be included. After reading the appointment list I reached at least two false conclusions (although Father Sam Femiano assures me that one of the omissions was





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not a mistake). Finally — and most important of course — I hope to find my name among the S.T.B. degrees. After much reflection I've decided not to ask you to use coloured type or gothic script to make it stand out — haha.

Everyone here is well. The work upstairs has hit a temporary — I hope — lull. The plastering is finished only to be torn apart shortly by the electricism and plumbers. Surely that can't be standard procedure? In any case the work has progressed at a good pace and with minimal annoyance in the way of noise and dirt.

Father Femiano has begun preparing for his entrance exam, October 15. Classes begin October 22 at the Institut and October 5th at Issy. Between now and class time I hope to do at least one essay to lighten the year. Essays this year are for Fathers Henry, Feuillet and Danielou — Ugh! However, I hope to begin work at least a month earlier than last year. As you know, the three new scholastics will go to Issy. The problem concerned the year at our Seminary — the Institut puts students from non-pontifical Seminaries (so Quebe did help me after all) back one year and at least when I heard last, that decided the issue. Ernie Vadnais, Jim Carruthers and Roly Gagnon are very pleased with the courses here, and if one or more were to continue in Theology they could always



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make up the extra year afterwards, like Father Femiano. (Somehow I've the impression that the last two or three sentences aren't too coherent. I hope you can decipher them.)

Even writing on both sides of this single lightweight page, this letter weights close to the 5 gram maximum for 12 cent airmail — expensive sin't it?

I hope that this finds all and everyone well. My love for Paris, though far more moderate than that of Father Robert Ritz, remains constant. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to be here and to take my course at the Institut. By the way your Newsletters are a much appreciated item over here. I take my hat off to their originator. My sincere wishes for that ever-elusive goal, an error-free Annals. My regards to all and a continued remembrance at prayer.

In Christ,

Bud.

(Letter from Mr. Ulysse Paré written from Maison Saint-Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



William H. Murray  
November 1960

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Assumption University of Windsor  
Windsor, Ontario

Dear Father Scollard,-

No doubt you are at the end of your patience, to say the least, waiting for my photo. I have no photo on hand taken in recent years, so I went to a photographer to have a print made. They surely are slow. They had the proofs today and they will not have the print made before Monday afternoon. I shall mail it to you at once.

We celebrated my jubilee here Wednesday evening. It was very enjoyable. Bishop Nelligan celebrated his 23rd anniversary of consecration at the same time.

I have been trying to shake off a bad cold for some time — bronchial — I expect to have it beaten soon.

They are speeding up work on the two buildings, Essex College and the Students Union. The former will soon be closed in. They are started with the steel work on the latter.

Fraternally in Christ,

W.H. Murray, C.S.B.

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Patrick O. Braden  
December 23, 1960

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
Dec. 23, 1960

Dear Father Scollard,

Let me first of all wish one and all up there a belated Merry Christmas. Several times you have asked me for the title of my dissertation. (At the University of Texas the term thesis refers to the work done for the master's degree.) I'm happy to say that it has been completed, defended and all that I have to do now is wait till Jan. 20, 1961 to officially be a Ph.D. The title is: Measurement of Velocity and Temperature Fields with Heat Transfer in a Short Vertical Tube. As a matter of fact I'll be happy to send the Archives or the library a copy if you want one.

The other matter concerns you as the director of vocations. I have not, and so far as I know Eddie Sullivan has not heard from the young man who had written you about the Novitiate, Edward Parent. Now that I have a little time I'd be glad to write him if you think that this is in order.

On the news front here there seems to be little to report. Everyone seems hale and hearty. Father Wey is visiting,





Patrick O. Braden  
December 23, 1960

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but has not yet reached the University. I understand that Bob Crooker arrived today for an unofficial visit. The weather is cool (around 50) but clear and certainly no sign of a white Christmas, and that is about the extent of things.

Normally I'm no whiz on the typewriter, but things are worse than usual due to the fact that this is a new electric that the Physics Department is trying out. It is a Remington and will be equipped with several keys for interchangeable type for lab instruction sheets and other work in the science line.

Sincerely,

Pat Braden.

(Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Daniel V. Burhs  
July 3, 1961

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Rev. D.V. Burhs, RCNR  
Chaplain (R.C.)  
H.M.C.S. Antigoniish  
c/O Fleet Mail Office  
Esquinault, B.C.  
July 3, 1961

Dear Bob,

This address can get me faster than the one I gave, so I thought I had better send it to you. I will be leaving tomorrow on the cruise but it does not get as far south as Los Angeles or Long Beach, so I don't expect to be able to see Father Albert Hurley. On account of the economy drive which the Canadian Government is putting on, they are sticking mostly to local waters between here and Vancouver — in at Vancouver for a few days and then one weekend at San Francisco. We will be there in about three weeks.

I suppose you are busy getting ready for the Chapter.

I was certainly glad that I stopped off at Winnipeg for the installation of Archbishop Flahiff. The local clergy did not notice me any way and there were 20 Basilians there, including the Archbishop. The Basilians were nearly all ex-Superior Generals or present of past Superiors or Presidents,



Daniel V. Burns  
July 3, 1961

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so they were surprised to see me and wondered what I was doing there. Hank Carr said to me: "What are you doing ~~here~~?" The accent on the "you" for he could see well what I was doing. I enjoyed it all anyway.

Best wishes for your return to office and God bless you.

Dan Burns, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Daniel V. Burns  
October 2, 1962

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester 18, New York  
Oct 2, 1962

Dear Bob,

I suppose you are waiting for this information. As usual there may be a few extra items. Delete what you deem irrelevant. Some came from Charlie Lavery and I have to put them down anyway.

The total low rebid on the dormitory was \$1,181,779. The original loan was \$1,100,000. Charlie went to New York on Friday and they increased the loan to \$1,255,000. There is some legal work to be done yet, but hopes are that construction will begin early next week. Time for repayment of the loan was extended from 40 to 50 years. The \$1,181,779 does not include architect's fees. Hence the extra loan. It will still be a bit short, about \$75,000 unless architect's fees can be reduced.

Have you any Basilian Vademecums in stock? If you have I would like to have you send me a couple. I say morning and evening prayers and our Community Room Vademecum is in pretty bad shape.

Bes regards to the confreres. When are you coming this way?





Daniel V. Burns  
October 2, 1962

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dan Burns, C.S.B.

P.S. John Ruth and I were to see Ferg  
Sheehy in the hospital. He is  
feeling fine, but he is to take the  
rest-cure just like John Ruth.

DVB

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
Transcribed from the original de-  
posited in the general archives of  
the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Ulysse E. Paré  
November 16, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

It was good to hear from you and to receive news from the Community. I'M sorry for the delay. The Annals have not arrived yet. I'm waiting them eagerly. What will be the official 1962 spelling of name? Will it be Ulysse or Ulysee? Time will tell. Meanwhile the suspense is hardly bearable. Everything is going well here. The theology courses at the "Catho" are really fine. I'll try to write a real letter shortly, just now I'd better this report to you for the Newsletter. I hope this approaches the English language.

Scholasticat St.-Basile has been chosen as the name for the Paris House of Studies (?) which will be occupied on December 7th.

The house is located at 27 rue Maximilien Robespierre, Issy-les-Moulineaux, Seine, and backs on rue Pierre Brosselette. Issy-les-Moulineaux is the nearest suburb southwest of Paris. The building stands on a slight rise overlooking le Parc Municipal d'Issy. Beyond the park is l'Héliport de Paris which runs helicopter service between Paris and Brussels. Farther away on a clear day the view extends over the western part of the capital to les Invalides, le Tour d'Eiffel and Sacré-Cœur.



The house itself is a newly constructed building of brick and stone planned by M. Vélardo, architect and contractor for his own use. Due to sudden ill health he has been forced to sell this house only a year old, and move to the south of France. The ground floor of this pleasant three storey building contains two bedrooms, chapel, utility, furnace rooms and garage. A full flight of stairs leads from the front walk to the main entrance with its balcony. On the main floor are the dining room, kitchen, community room and one bedroom. The second floor has four bedrooms. The walls and foundation are strong enough to permit adding a fourth floor with five bedrooms.

Scholasticat St.-Basile (?) is ideally located for students. A five minute walk along rue André Chénier and rue Général Leclerc leads to le Grand Séminaire de St.-Sulpice. This is the Seminary for the Archdiocese of Paris, but houses as well diocesan seminarians from other parts of France, England, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, South America and the United States (Connecticut and Maine). Among the Religious Communities who send their students here are the Augustinians, the Passionists and les Fils de la Charité (a new community devoted to working class parishes.)

In three or four minutes in the same direction one comes to the terminal station



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(Mairie d'Issy) of the main north-south Metro line. A twenty minute ride brings one to the heart of Paris. From the station Notre-Dame-des-Champs one can be at L'Institut Catholique in five minutes. The same Metro line takes on to Sèvres-Babylone very near to la Chapelle de la Médaille Miraculeuse and la Fraternité Sacerdotale. A little farther along are stations at la Place de la Concorde (from where the Bibliothèque Nationale is easily reached) and St.-Lazare. A transfer from the Mairie d'Issy line takes one conveniently and quickly to Notre-Dame de Paris and la Ste-Chapelle. Other interesting spots such as le Tour d'Eiffel, l'Arc de Triomphe and L'Eglise de St. Sulpice are likewise easily accessible by Metro.

In Issy-les-Moulineaux our house is in the parish of St. Etienne. Versailles is a short distance to the southwest, while the Seine and l'Isle St.-Germain are a mere half mile away. The Basilian foundation has received the approval of the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris who welcomes the Basilian Fathers to his Archdioceses and wishes them every success.

In Christo,  
Bud.

(Letter of Mr. Ulysse Paré, written from Paris. Transcribed from the original deposited in the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Stanley E. Kutz  
November 18, 1961

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Sat. Nov. 18/61

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the prompt mailing of the Annals. Thanks, too, for all the personal notes which you have appended to the Newsletters, etc. over the past years. I'm ashamed of myself for never having answered them. It's a real boost to a sometimes sagging morale to know that someone in the community remembers you as an individual, and not just an address in the Annals.

I acknowledge receipt of the 30 Mass intentions Pro Defuncta, which you sent me, and I have one more favor to ask of you: would you send me a copy of the Toronto Ordo as soon as it is available. It gives me no small sense of satisfaction to realize that this should be the last time I'll be making that particular request.

I have decided not to tackle the exams till after Christmas (Jan.15). Much as I would like to have them out of the way before the holidays, I think that this is one instance where prudence is the better part of valor. There is too much at stake to risk a hasty attack. I expect these first exams to be the biggest hurdle, since they involve Old and New Testament, and Greek and Hebrew are still something of a mystery to me. Once they



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are out of the way, I shall be much more confident of my final victory in the Spring. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

Tell Father Joseph Wey I'm sorry he obtained such an unfavourable impression of the Western climate. Perhaps he should have fortified himself with Father E.J. McCorkell's famous (alleged) dictum apropos the weather in Saskatoon: "Oh! Well! It's pretty cold out there all right, but it's a dry cold." (As I recall, he was trying to convince a less-than-enthusiastic confrere that Saskatoon was just the place for him.)

Thanks again for your letter. I'd be interested in hearing more about John M. Kelly's proposed M.A. course in Theology. Keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christo,

Stan.

(Letter written from Munich by Father Stanley Kutz. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Stanley E. Kutz  
September 6, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

Just a note to answer your questions in the Newsletter. My correct address is: München 23, Prinz Eugenstrasse 4/II. (Some bureaucrat changed the house numbers after I moved in here.) I also have a phone — Munich 341233.

Please tell Father Wey thanks for the Mass stipends. I shall be writing him within a week. I hope to get some definite word on how well my thesis was received in the next few days.

I'm currently trying to work up some enthusiasm for my first set of comprehensives which should come before Christmas. Not having too much success at the moment. Guess I'll get more excited about them as they draw nearer.

Saw Bill Irwin briefly, last week. He'll be stopping here for a few days after his German course. Had a visit from Ray Hathorn. God bless you all.

In Christo,

Stan.

(Letter written from Munich by Father Stanley Kutz. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



John J. Miller  
November 12, 1961

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Mj. John J. Miller  
Base Chapel  
Homestead A.F.B., Florida  
12 Nov 61

Dear Bob:

The Newsletter is the greatest thing since sliced bread! Thanks for the continued adnotanda. Despite my seeming indifference, your perseverance is laudable. I really do appreciate the word.

I left my tropical paradise a week ago and am now set up at Homestead A.F.B. Florida. Its going to be another effort from the ground up. However, the location is wonderful. I'M about half an hour from Miami Beach on a brand new base. I have been assigned quarters that are magnificent except I have to furnish part of them. It's a big three bedroom house with all modern equipment including air-conditioning, dish washer, etc. If the tourist pace is commensurate with that of my Ramey Quarters, I will need the facility!

It would seem to me that the Secretary General would have reason and occasion to visit the C.S.B. military chaplains. If not this, then rest and recuperation is not unthinkable. Anyway you are more than welcome and I'm sure the confreres will know this. Actually I have much





John J. Miller  
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better and bigger facilities than at Ramey. From the Newsletter I realize that Joe Wey is away and I will write upon his return — in the meantime if he returns please pass on the word about my presence here, and the availability of this place for Basilians and/or their friends.

I leave tomorrow for a ten day tour at Notre Dame, half of which will be retreat and the rest a conference for Catholic Chaplains. Msgr. Finnegan as Chief Chaplain has really accomplished a great deal.

Awfully sorry to hear of the loss of Bill Conway and Speaker Burns.

Keep me in your prayers and again many thanks for keeping me in touch with the Community.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Jack Miller.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Hubert P. Coughlin  
October 12, 1961

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Institution Secondaire  
du Sacré-Cœur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 22 Oct.-61.

Dear Bob:

Wally Platt and I arrived here on Friday night and found two of your letters awaiting me. They were most appreciated as I had heard nothing from Toronto since leaving there.

First, in regard to the items in your letter: Kevin Kirley sent some Annals news to you yesterday as soon as I reminded him; and Wally tells me he sent you the Paris address and phone number. I hope that Johnny Gaughan maintains a firm stand at the Soo — the priests and people there just have to provide the money to operate the school (St. Mary's College) and it is their problem how to raise it. We are discussing the name of the Paris house here with Fathers Charles Roume and René Robert, and will come up with two or three possibilities (the name Georges-Bernard was Wally's, not mine). Father Roume, after his research work has great admiration for Father Pierre Tourvieille, Father Julien Actorie and Father Jean Soulerin — not much for Bishop Charbonnel whom he thinks exploited the Basilians a bit. I will ask him about Léorat Picansel, of whom I had never heard.



Hubert P. Ooughlin  
October 12, 1961

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Apparently our list of invalids is increasing. Since you did not mention Father Henry Carr in your second letter I presume his condition is not critical. Speaking of sickness, I spent yesterday in bed here as a result of a bad stomach upset provoked, I think, by a meal of their famous "nnonay mushrooms on Friday night. I am feeling o.k. today but will be glad to get back to a Canadian diet soon.

Was glad to hear our novices were still all with us. I think that is a record for this time of year but I imagine some will begin to drop off soon. They have some prospects here and while there is one good prospect for next year, it will still take time to build up any sizeable group for a normal novitiate class. This one boy could go on and take a year or two of Philosophy before starting the Novitiate. By that time there might be enough to have a regular novitiate class.

Was glad to receive the paper account of the Spadina Expressway. It looks to be a few years away from completion yet. Also the Deer Park Zoning seems to be still quite unsettled. Did you get Bob White to go to the meeting.

I have talked to Father Robert re the Ordo and he will forward you the necessary information. Kevin will be able to help him with any details and Father Roume will also be consulted.



Hubert P. Coughlin  
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I am not enthused about the proposed house in Rochester four miles from John Fisher and hope they don't rush into anything hasty there. I am afraid the disadvantages would be almost as great as in the present situation and accentuated by the larger number involved.

Well, we finally took the plunge in the Paris house and made a down payment of \$5,000. These transactions in France are tremendously complicated. At one meeting there were eight officials in addition to Wally and myself and all were talking at once. Johnny Gaughan completed the Glennerin deal with one-tenth the fuss and formality as surrounded the first stage of this one. However I think we are adequately safeguarded and have taken every precaution not to be surprised by some additional payment for taxes or licenses or fees, etc. We plan to spend considerable on the alterations but think it is a wise move. Oil heating is almost essential and a couple of showers are also needed. We purchased most of the furniture needed for the present. Prices are just about the same as in Toronto. If I can get a picture I will enclose it in this letter.

Last Monday I went to London to see Bob Madden and Jim Hanrahan. Because of a heavy fog I spent five hours at Le Bourget Airport but finally reached the Knights of St. Columba in time for dinner.





Hubert P. Coughlin  
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I think the boys were glad to see someone from home. The following day we got a car and went to Stratford and Oxford. Bob Madden said he never encountered two such indifferent and blasé sightseers as Jim and I. They are both well and enthusiastic about their work. Jim should finish his research here in June but Bob will need another full year in England.

Wally and I left Paris last Thursday after signing the documents for the purchase of the house. We travelled to Nîmes the first day and stayed there overnight in order to say Mass at the tomb of St. Bernadette. I was very impressed with the shrine there, probably because it was not over-run with tourists. I am just beginning to find my way around the house here, being delayed a bit by yesterday's sickness. They put on a fine French meal for the Visitor today and now Father Robert is going to drive me to St. Basile to visit the church there and the cradle of the Basilians. I am much impressed by the good spirit and devotion of the group here. I will start seeing each of them individually tomorrow.

I expect to leave here by bus for Nice about the end of the week and will arrive in Rome about Sunday. I have a tentative



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reservation leaving Rome on Thursday, November 2, and should reach Toronto by November 3rd, if there are no unforeseen delays.

Thanks again for your letters. You can reach me at the Canadian College until Wednesday Nov. 1.

Sincerely in Xto,

H.P.C.

(Letter written by Father Huber Coughlin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Hubert P. Coughlin  
October 28, 1961

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Pontificio Collegio Canadese  
Quattro Fontane 117  
Roma, Italia  
Oct 28/61

Dear Bob:

This will be but a short note as I will likely be home shortly after you receive it. I had a very fine, but physically unpleasant, stay in Annonay. Unfortunately I caught a severe cold which stayed with me during my whole visit there. However, I still enjoyed it and managed to see nearly every thing and everybody. Father Auguste Marcou was away and I didn't get to St. Alban, but I had a wonderful visit to St. Symphorien and the old 80 year old pastor there. Also to St. Basile and Maison Seule. I was most impressed with the good spirit and with all the confreres there.

I cam by bus from Annonay to Nice where I stayed overnight and incidentally had my hotel window blown in by an Algerian bomb which exploded in front of the hotel at 5 a.m. No injuries but lots of damage. Came by air from Nice to Rome in a wonderfully picturesque flight and am now in the Canadian College. Father Vincent Kennedy has a wonderful spot at the Pensionato and cheaper than here at the College. We had dinner to-



Hubert P. Coughlin  
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gether and he is in fine shape. He and Bill Irwin and I will take a couple of trips to the surrounding country during the next few days.

A million thanks for your newsy letters and clippings. Am very interested in the new Conservative leader but likely won't find out till I get home. Expect to arrive in Toronto about Friday noon.

Sincerely,

HPC.

P.S. All the priests in Annonay favour a name that identifies us as Basilians: Residence St. Basile is definitely their first choice. Father Roume is opposed to Charbonnel — he claims he exploited the Basilians! Kevin did send the news. What could have happened?

P.S.S. The Holy Father is sick with a severe cold so I may not get to see him. His appearance at St. Peter's tomorrow has been cancelled, but I may have a chance next Wednesday if he is better by then.

P.P.SS. Am enclosing a couple snaps of the Paris House.

(Letter written by Father Hubert Coughlin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Peter K. Mosteller  
January 19, 1961

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St. Charles College  
258 Pine Street  
Sudbury, Ontario

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you so much for your newsy letter. I don't know how you can do it, with all your other duties. The copy of the 1960 Minutes sounds like quite a volume. The Index is a good idea — but may I point out an error? My middle name is Kingdon — an n rather than an m. Everyone makes that mistake. I was named for an uncle — I think my mother expected him to leave me something in his will. He didn't and I've had to bear his name ever since. Oh well!

Things are going well here. Father Leonard Thompson is all recovered from his bout with scarlet fever. Father Don Furlong and I are working on the play "Oklahoma" for presentation in March. It's a musical. I guess you wouldn't appreciate it. All's quiet on the vocation front so far only one for sure. Come up and see us. Regards to all.

In Christ,

Peter Mosteller, CSB

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Vincent J. Fullerton  
March 6, 1961

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23200 West Michigan Avenue  
Dearborn, Michigan  
March 6, 1961

Dear Bob -

I was very happy to hear from you the other day. My big improvement started about ten days ago. I have been saying Office since then and I started to say Mass on March 2 — the day you wrote the letter. I would have started two or three days before that but for technical difficulties. The Doctor has to write everything down on the chart and I had to wait until he did it. I think John Collins was in before I began to improve rapidly. The Doctor was in this morning. He said I was continuing to improve but has set no definite date for my departure. I shall be here five weeks on Wednesday the 8th and I am told that with him he generally keeps his patients six weeks. I had a nice visit with Father Flahiff on Saturday afternoon. Your card, which arrived on Saturday am. took some of the surprise out of it but it was pleasant and enjoyable just the same. Joe (my brother) was here Saturday and Sunday and I don't have to tell you I enjoyed both his visits.

I hope the moving to the new curial house went off smoothly and without difficulty. I will file the phone



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number for future use. As soon as I hear definitely when I am leaving here, I shall let you know. My present guess is next week, probably towards the end of the week — but it is just a guess. If you can find time, I would be delighted to hear from you again.

Vin.

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Vincent J. Fullerton  
November 2, 1961

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Assumption High School  
1100 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario  
November 2, 1961.

Dear Bob /

Your card from Ottawa has been on my desk for several weeks along with my resolution to write to you. But, I suppose the less one has to do, the less one does. I hope you are well and not too lonesome with the others out on the visitations.

I am still on crutches but for the past three weeks I have been using the leg — gradually increasing the amount of pressure. I am to see the doctor again about November 24th and at that time I may be able to discard one crutch. It may be a little sanguine but I am hoping to get back saying Mass again by Christmas. The doctor says things are going according to schedule, but it is a slow schedule and cannot be rushed. I am very comfortable here and not finding it too difficult to put in the time. There is lots of company here and it is pleasant. I am eating and sleeping well and am starting to put on weight again. I will have to do something about that. Jakey Donlon drops in for a visit every week. Norm Coffey, who now lives in London, is down here every other week for a couple of days





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in his work as a salesman, so he has been in a couple of times. All are well here except the odd cold. George Phelan seems to have some ;ain every day, but is cheerful. He is now in New Brunswick for the Golden Jubilee of his parents.

Regards to all

Vin.

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Vincent J. Fullerton  
October 1, 1962

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Basilian Fathers  
1100 Huron Line  
Windsor - Ontario  
Oct 1 - 1962

Dear Bob -

Enclosed is the information for the Annals that you requested. Hope it is satisfactory. George Phelan is home from the hospital again. He seems some better.

I gave my first conference to the Good Shepherd Sisters last week. I was at the doctor's a couple of weeks ago. He was pleased and I don't have to see him again until March 1st. My New York State Driver's License expired yesterday so I got an Ontario one last week. I passed the test o.k. I go to Guadalupe Church every Sunday now for Sunday work — 10:30 and 12. I drive myself out there every Sunday but I do everything anyone else would do including Asperges (without cane) and Communion (without cane).

Regards to all

Vin

(Letter from Father Vincent Fullerton to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



George B. Flahiff  
September 16, 1961

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Archbishop's Residence  
353 St. Mary's Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
September 16, 1961.

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for your letter of Sept. 2 which accompanied the latest Newsletter. Poor Bill Conway's death was not altogether unexpected after his long and highly complicated illness, yet no one in early June would ever have thought that he would not answer the call when St. Michael's College School re-opened. And it is much the same for Fathers Tris Burns and Blake Coll. They are very real losses. My sympathy to the members of the Council, to the High School and to all Basilians.

Have you been burdened with the gifts that were given to me by the Muckle brothers? Since I was on my way to Ottawa, I made no attempt to bring them with me. Father Joseph Dorsey said that he would get them to Toronto and have someone ship them on to me. A recent letter from Father Charlie Lavery speaks of their having been sent to the Curial House. Maybe you could have someone at the Seminary look after sending them. The various objects in the old brown suitcase should perhaps be wrapped or packed with newspaper to prevent break-or even too much rubbing together. The package of books (Pontificale) and the



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box of mitres could simply be wrapped carefully. Perhaps freight would be best if the weight is too great. I leave it to your good judgment. Please send to 353 St. Mary Avenue, rather than to Roblin Drive.

Is the Index of the Dictionnaire de Théol. Cath. still incomplete. I have now received all the volumes of the Dictionnaire as such and one volume of indices (down to "K"), I believe. In any case, obviously only one half of the total index. It must be that the second volume of indices is not ready yet. Thanks again for your role in this. No hurry about the other books, nor about the suit. Just send them, or have them sent, whenever you get time.

We escaped your hot and humid spell of last week. In fact we have had a few nights, and even days, that smack of autumn, not to say winter. Confirmations are over for the time being. A whole series of new churches (some 7) have now to be blessed. There are likewise some anniversaries of parishes, 50 and 100 years.

I attended my first State function: a dinner at Government House for the President of Iceland. I even borrowed a frock coat for the occasion which was to be "hite tie".





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Best wishes to all at "200". God bless  
you.

Sincerely in Christ,

+G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S. Mother Holy Ghost was here the  
other day and told me of your  
sister's return from the tertianship  
at Angers. One of the sisters here  
had been with her and had likewise  
just returned.



George B. Flahiff  
September 22, 1961

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Archbishop's Residence  
353 St. Mary's Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Bob,

As usual I have recourse to you in my needs. Peter Swan wants a glossy print of myself quam primum. All the ones that were here have been used up. Father Jim Daley had quite a few made from one of the Ashley and Crippen photos. If you happen to have one of these, would you please forward it to Father Swan to save time? If not, would you please ask Ashley and Crippen to send one at once to Father Swan and to send me five more, billing me for all six? They probably have a record of Father Daley's original order. In any case, it is the picture that was used in the Consecration booklet. I assume that Ashley and Crippen know the size that is usually used in this case (5" x 8", I think).

Sorry to bother a busy man, but there is some urgency in Saskatoon. God bless you!

In Xto

+G.B. Flahiff, CSB

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George B. Flahiff  
September 23, 1961

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Archbishop's Residence  
353 St. Mary's Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
September 23, 1961.

Dear Bob,

Your letter of yesterday just arrived. Lest I forget and delay beyond your deadline, the telephone number at 353 is WHitehall 3-1516. (Here at 4309 Roblin Drive, it is VERNON 2-2138, just in case you do not have it anywhere.)

Thanks for word of the books, of the Muckle gifts and of the suit. Sorry to give you all this trouble.

Congratulations to Father Hubert Coughlin! He will certainly enjoy his trip. I am particularly pleased, because my appointment and the resultant Chapter preparations robbed him of a trip last Spring, when he was to have gone as Visitor. I hope he stays as long as possible.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S. The only pictures taken in episcopal robes are those of Ashley and Crippen. They finished one in colour for me and one in black and white. This latter had been selected as the



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most acceptable of the non-colour ones. The copy I have is on stippled paper and would not do for Father René Vermillion's purposes. But I am sure that Ashley and Crippen would know which one of the pictures this is and would send Father Vermillion a glossy print of the same (of whatever dimensions he would want). The picture is not bad. I hope to have others taken in the course of the year, but they would be too late for him.

GBF.

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October 23, 1961

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Archdiocese of Winnipeg  
353 St. Mary's Avenue  
Winnipeg 1, Manitoba  
October 23, 1961.

Dear Bob,

Just before I left for the Canadian Catholic Conference meetings and the Catholic Social Life Conference, I received your last shipment to me. Many thanks for your kindness. I received the various books, mitre-case and brown suitcase (the odds and ends of episcopal equipment) which had been given me by the Fathers Muckle. Thank you also for the suit. I hope that I do not have to continue troubling you.

The enclosed letter had been sent to me at 200 Russell Hill Road. You or someone else forwarded it to me. I answered the good lady and said that I would have her request forwarded to Father Leo Sands, in case he might have copies of his EPILOGUE. Since I do not have Leo's address, may I ask you to send it along or to have someone else do that for you? Whether or not he has copies, he would probably be pleased to know that his talk was appreciated to such an extent. I assume, of course, that she is referring to our Father Sands; I do not know of any other, although I personally was not aware of the particular talk to which she refers.



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While attending the Catholic Social Life Conference in Halifax, I said Mass one morning at the Convent of the Good Shepherd and had a visit with your sister. She looked very well and she is still full of her trip to Angers; apparently it made a deep impression on her; Mother Holy Ghost says it is the same for everyone who goes there.

I chaired my last Canadian Religious Conference meeting on October 10 to open their series of sessions. Next day, I transferred to the Canadian Catholic Conference and had my first taste of episcopal meetings. It was an interesting experience, slightly less formidable than I had anticipated. Cardinal McGuigan was on hand, said the prayers, etc., and, although he took little part in discussions, he was certainly well aware of all that was going on. They must figure that new bishops are fair game for work; they put me on the Board and then said that the latest come is normally secretary of the same. I went on to Halifax from Ottawa. The papers there were excellent and very considerable enthusiasm was displayed by both clergy and laity. Father E.C. LeBel seemed to be the only other Basilian present; he was on his way back from the celebrations at Memorial University in Newfoundland.



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Father Rousseau finally wrote about the Preparatory Committee; the one for Religious seems to go on continuously, once it starts. I do not see that I can absent myself for two or three months as would appear to be the time necessary. I am therefore asking him if there is one time rather than another that would be preferable, hence I am still not sure when I shall be going. If I go at the beginning, it will be November 22.

Best wishes to all at 200. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

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Charles Roume  
November 21, 1961

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Institution Secondaire  
du Sacré-Cœur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
21/II/1961

Cher Père Scollard,

Il ya longtemps que je n'avais eu le plaisir de vous écrire. L'Occasion m'en est donnée aujourd'hui en vous envoyant un article du P. Soulerin paru dans les "Annales de la Propagation de la Foi" que j'ai pu retrouver facilement à Lyon, où l'on conserve la collection complète. Je ne crois pas qu'il en ait écrit d'autres. Je ne l'ai pas recopié entièrement, laissant de côté une grande page inutile pour l'histoire de la Communauté, à ce qu'il me semble. Si toutefois vous désiriez avoir ce qui manque il me serait facile d'y suppléer.

Il vient de mourir dans le diocèse de Rodez, son pays natal, un de nos anciens confrères, le dernier ordonné prêtre avant la dispersion causée par la persécution religieuse en 1902. Il avait été ensuite incardiné au diocèse de Périgueux, et nous n'avions gardé avec lui aucune relation. Il se nommait Théophile Loupias.

La semaine dernière j'étais à Bordeaux, pour y consulter les Archives diocés-





Charles Roume  
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aines et départementales, et j'ai pu  
y prendre quleques bonnes notes.

Mon meilleur souvenir au P. Supérieur,  
à qui je me propose toujours d'écrire,  
et à tous les confrères.

Je reste fidèlement vôtre in Xto.

C. Roume, C.S.B.

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the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Charles Roume  
December 12, 1961

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Institution Secondaire  
du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
II/12/1961

Cher Père Scollard,

Je m'empresse de répondre à votre lettre datée du 6 Décembre. Merci d'abord pour les renseignements que vous me donnez au sujet de Mr. Orestes Brownson. Cela montre que les catholiques de Toronto se préoccupaient depuis longtemps de faire donner à leurs enfants une instruction supérieure en même temps qu'une éducation chrétienne. Il se trouve que c'est une toute petite communauté de France qui a réalisé leur désir, sans se laisser arrêter par une prudence humainement trop explicable. A chaque page de l'histoire de la Congrégation il faut bien convenir que le doigt de Dieu apparaît manifestement, et c'est ce qui nous donne tant d'espoir pour l'avenir.

Vous me demandez si cette histoire avance, et si l'on peut compter en lire quelque chose en 1963. Je l'espère bien, et qu'en dépit de mon état de santé — hypertension et malaises fréquents — j'y parviendrai. J'ai en effet presque entièrement terminé le travail de recherches dans les Archives



de toute sorte, ce qui m'a pris un temps considérable, et maintenant je vais pouvoir entreprendre celui de rassembler mes notes, préliminaire à la rédaction.

Le P. Platt vous avait envoyé il y a quelques années une nécrologie incomplète. On pourrait arriver à la compléter — à peu près — pour ce qui est des membres de la Congrégation morts dans la Congrégation. Pour ce qui est de ceux qui l'ont quittée pour entrer au service d'un diocèse en qualité de curé, cela est impossible, même en y travaillant très longtemps. La communauté était en effet très ouverte, sans doute trop, et c'est pourquoi les constitutions ont été sans cesse remaniées dans un sens plus strict. Car il faut partir de cette idée que personne n'a eu le dessein d'en arriver où nous en sommes, ce sont les circonstances qui les y ont amenés peu à peu, et non sans réticences ni regrets parfois. Mais tout sacrifice consenti recevait aussitôt sa récompense.

Voici ce que donnent les Archives au sujet du P. Loupias: LOUPIAS, Théophile François: Profession perpétuelle le 25 Mai 1901 - Sous-Diacre à Viviers le 1er Juin 1902 - Diacre au Collège d'Annonay le 20 Septembre 1902 - Prêtre à Viviers le 12 Octobre 1902. Mgr. de



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Montéty, évêque missionnaire, pour les trois ordinations. Le P. Loupias est décédé le II Novembre dernier dans le diocèse de Rodez, son diocèse d'origine. Ses funérailles, qui ont eu lieu le 13, ont été présidées par Mrg. Norbert COURONNE, vicaire général de Rodez.

En terminant, je vous prie de vouloir bien recevoir, Chrer Père, mes meilleurs voeux pour Noël et la nouvelle année, avec l'assurance de mes prières pour vous et pour notre chère Congrégation, pour que chacun d'entre nous fasse toujours et partout ce que le bon Dieu et l'Eglise attendent de lui.

C. Roume, C.S.B.

P.S. Le Père Loupias, après avoir été curé pendant 60 ans dans le diocèse de Périgueux, s'était retiré dans son diocèse d'origine.

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Charles Roume  
November 25, 1962

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Institution Secondaire  
du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
25 novembre 1962

Cher Père Scollard,

Il ya longtemps que je voulais vous écrire, amis le temps passe, et beaucoup plus vite que ce qu'on voudrait. Aujourd'hui nous avons fêté le Présentation de la Ste Vierge, et comme c'est l'anniversaire de la fondation de la Communauté, cette fête m'a rappé que je vous devais une lettre.

Parlons tout de suite de mon travail d'histoire, si vous le voulez bien. Il marche convenablement pour le moment, puisque j'en ai rédigé à ce jour 90 pages environ sur 300 à peu près que comptera l'étude complète. D'ici six mois j'espère bien en avoir terminé, à moins que ma stané ne soit un obstacle, mais en ce moment je vais très bien. Je sais qu'on l'attend avec un peu d'impatience, mais ce n'est pas un motif pour me précipiter. Je suis donc seulement parvenu au 21 novembre 1822, mais je ne crois pas être obligé de revenir sur la première période, et je regarde mon texte pratiquement comme définitif. Comme je vais jusqu'en 1863, date de l'approbation par Rome, je me demande si je serai à même d'écrire la fin sans recevoir des notes de vos propres archives.



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Nous aurons le 15 décembre, s'il plaît à Dieu, l'ordination sacerdotale de Jacques Deglesne, ce sera une grande et belle journée pour nous. Notre seul regret, c'est que Mgr Flahiff n'ait pu venir la faire. Mais quand on est évêque, on ne s'appartient pas, on appartient à son diocèse.

Aujourd'hui nous avons la première neige de l'hiver, un pouce environ. Là-dessus, un soleil de printemps; aussi faut-il se hâter de la regarder, parce que bientôt ce sera trop tard. Il est rare qu'il neige si tôt, et on dit que dans ces cas l'hiver est doux. Qui vivra, verra.

Je vous remercie des "Newsletters" que vous envoyez régulièrement. Je les verse à nos archives où un historien future les découvrira certainement avec joie. Quand j'aurai terminé, comme je vous l'ai promis, je copierai pour vous les documents importants que nous détenons, et vous pourrez compter sur une scrupuleuse exactitude.

Recevez, Cher Père Scollard, en terminant, l'expression de mes toujours fidèles sentiments in Xto, et l'assurance de mes prières pour vous et pour toute notre chère Communauté.

C. Roume, C.S.B.  
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Lawrence J. Lacey  
May 13, 1961

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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston 6, Texas  
May 13, 1961

Dear Bob:

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed pictures for your exhibit case at the end of the all in the Seminary.

The monstrance is the result of an old gold and jewel collection we had here about a year ago. Was designed at St. Anne's and done (isn't that the way they say) by the P.L. Lesch Studios, at Studio City, California. It is 30 inches high, blue enamel on gold, and gold on silver.

It contains 161 diamonds, the three large stones are green jade, 3 star sahpires, the rest are emeralds, garnets, etc.

It was blessed by the Archbishop-elect of Winnipeg, when he was here on his last visit. It is valued at upwards of \$10,000.00

We are just about in the graduation season. I understand that Father E.J. McCorkell is going to be the speaker for the University — a fast trip, I hear. I haven't heard Marty O'Toole



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May 13, 1961

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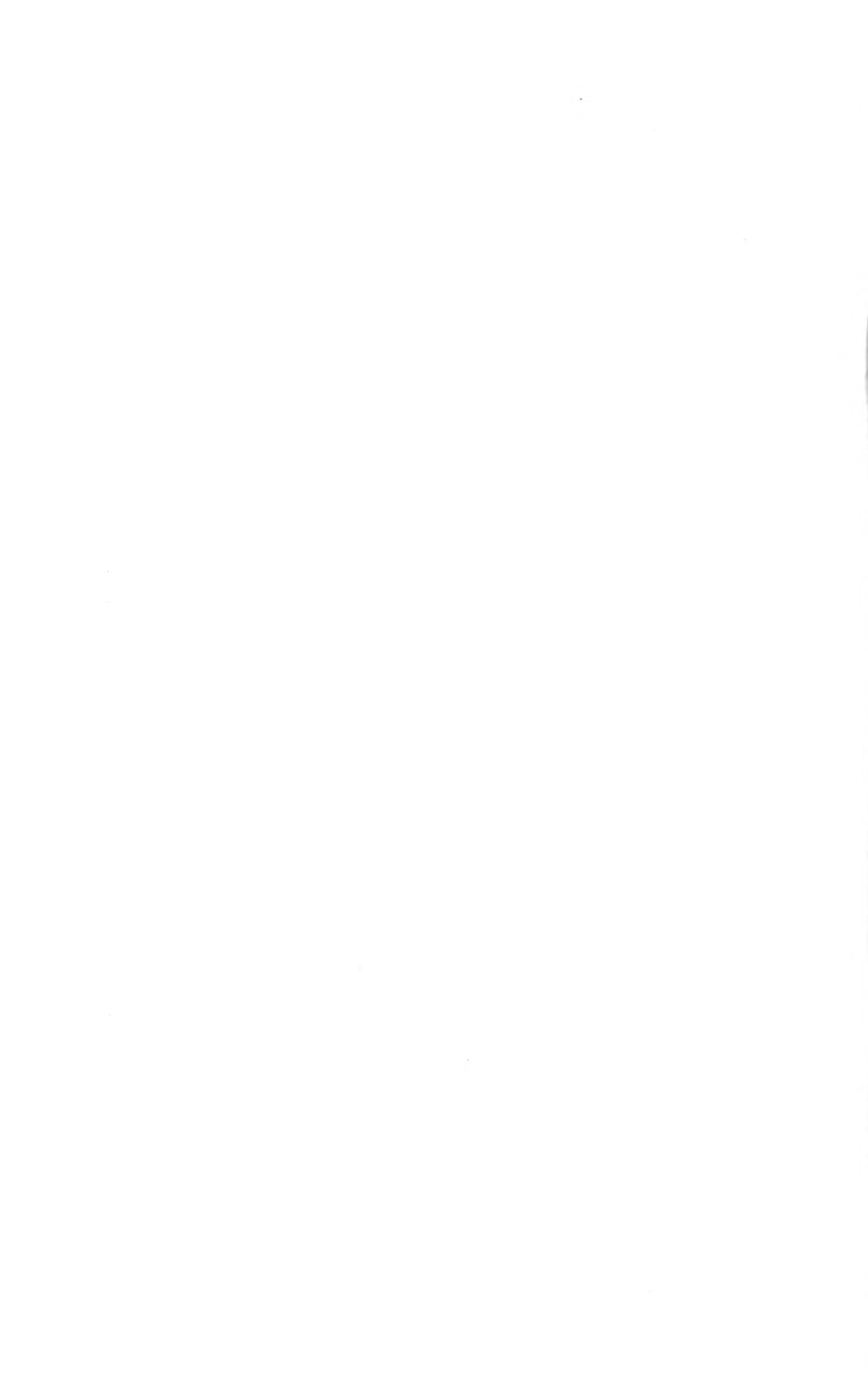
say that he will have a twosome with him when he comes. We finished the ceiling of the church just before Easter. They decorated it in the same color and design as before, but it sure made a difference. It didn't look so bad until they had half done, and then it showed just how bad it was.

I suppose that things are eally humming in preparation for the consecration. I hope to be there for it. I have the Earge brothers on the weekend before. I have wound up speaking for Maurice. The other one is saying his on the 29th and I am supposed to be arch-priest, but I think I will be on my way Sunday night.

Hang on to the picture. I want it back. Hello to all.

Larry.

(Letter from Father Lawrence Lacey to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Lawrence J. Lacey  
September 16, 1961

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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston 6, Texas  
September 16, 1961

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the picture of the monstrance. It managed to get back into (Hurricane) Carla's territory unharmed. Most every place is in the mpping up process these days. We didn't fare too badly. We lost a couple of trees and about 50 tiles off the roof of the school, which is insured. We had no fear for the buildings crumpling because I think they could run an atomic test against some of the walls, and not dint them. St. Thomas High School lost about a half a dozen trees. We had winds up to 92 miles, and that was plenty for us. Galveston was badly hit, both by the hurricane and the tornado which followed. The Christian Brothers at Kirwin had their house completely demolished and nine brothers in side, with none of them injured. The Ursuline convent and a part of the school is a total loss. There isn't a trace of a place called Seabrook, near LaPorte, and Port O'Connor.

We had about 35 refugees in the Gym for two days. One expectant mother threw out the alarm and from gym to baby was less than an hour. I am glad that they got her moved because none of us here



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have had fifth year theology, or a white coat. I suggested that the baby (a girl) might be called Carla Gym, but it did not seem to take.

Haven't seen any of the Missionaries since the storm to hear what their damage was. I did hear that the new church in Angleton had roof damage. No report on the Shannon cathedral has come through.

The University of St. Thomas has had registration this week. They were delayed for two days on account of the storm — we didn't have school for two days either — and from all reports their registration is up from last year. We didn't get any of Bucky Allnoch's "friends" at our school this year. About four schools got some, running from 60 at St. Mary's to 2 at St. Theresa's.

Everyone here and in town is well. We hope "Esther" sticks to Terry Forestell's territory and away from us.

Larry.

(Letter from Father Lawrence Lacey to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Eugene A. Heyck  
July 17, 1961

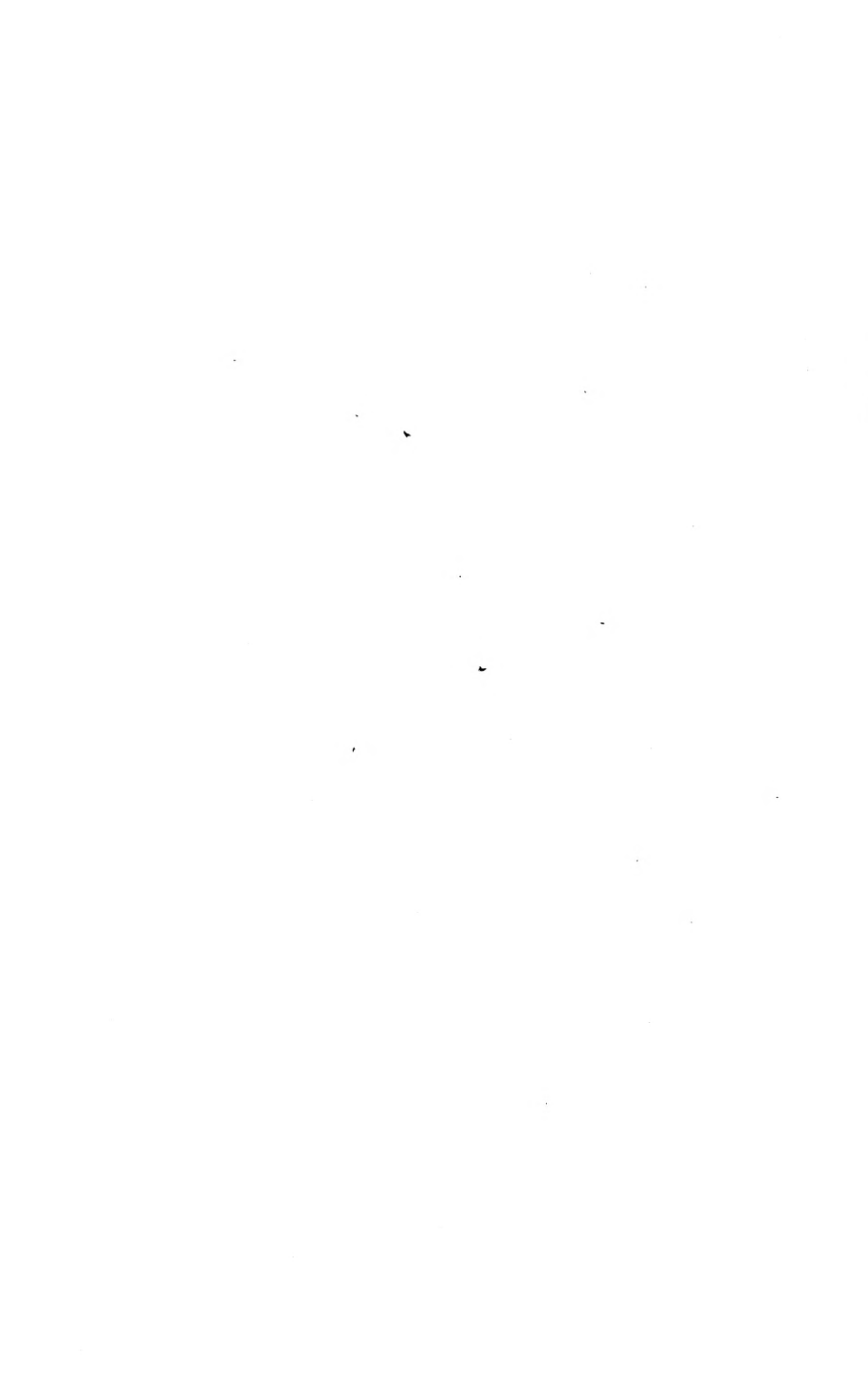
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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston 6, Texas  
July 17, 1961

Dear Father Scollard,

I thought you might be interested in the newspaper clippings from the Houston papers on Father Joseph Wey's election. The Press carried the story the day after the election in the regular news section. The Post and The Chronicle held the news until Saturday for use in their religion section. The Post was very glad to get the picture of Father Wey for use in connection with its story. The Press had already printed the story before the pictures arrived here from Toronto. The Chronicle got a picture from the Weys here in town. I am sending the other two pictures back to you in case you need them.

I couldn't help thinking that the community should have a public relations department organized and trained to handle news releases for the press, radio and TV. It is true that we only elect a new Superior General every six years, but there are many other newsworthy events such as deaths, appointments or superiors, new buildings, distinguished public speakers. Our St. Anne's novena is being given by a Jesuit. The letter we received confirming the



Eugene A. Heyck  
July 17, 1961

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assignment contained a complete news release giving the speaker's background and a picture for the newspapers. This may be superfluous, but that's part of the way they build up the reputation they enjoy among the laity.

We are very pleased with the new Curia. I'm sure the community must be faced with many problems and I think Father Wey and the new Council will do a good job in solving them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Gene Heyck

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John R. Cavanaugh  
August 31, 1961

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More House  
268 Park Street  
New Haven, Connecticut  
August 31, 1961

Dear Father Scollard,

Hard to believe that Father Blake Coll died since he looked so hale when I last saw him in July. I shall say Mass twice for him at once and remember him in my prayers as well as Bill Conway.

The address you have is correct. Our phone number here is UN 5-0394. The digs are very satisfactory. Just one good block to the library, meals served here and a chapel on the premises. So far no parochial duties but they will start once the students return.

Wish I knew Wally Platt was in Paris a week ago. I wanted a book very badly and writing to the publisher takes so long. Oh well, next time.

How is Father Wey. It looks as if being in the Curia carries certain risks. Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,  
John

(Letter from Father John Cavanaugh.  
Transcribed from the original deposited  
in the general archives of the Basilian  
Fathers, Toronto.)



Harol C. Perry  
September 18, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

My address in Syracuse for the coming year will be: St. Theresa of the Little Flower of Jesus Parish, 112 Lancaster Place, Syracuse 10, New York. The phone number is GRanite 4-9934. The pastor of the parish is a former St. Michael's College student, Rev. John A. McCarthy. The assistant is a brother of Robert McLaughlin who teaches at St. John Fisher College.

I would appreciate it a great deal if you would send me the Newsletter and also the copy of the Basilian Annals and anything else that would be of interest to me.

The rectory is near the University so that I will be able to get back and forth very easily. Tomorrow I hope to see the Head of the Department in order to get my program approved. After that I will just have to register and start work.

Yours in Christ,

Harold C. Perry, C.S.B.

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Harold C. Perry  
September 22, 1962

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112 Lancaster Place  
Syracuse 10, N.Y.  
Sept. 22, 1962

Dear Father,

The only change to be made in the Basilian Annals is in regard to the field of study. I am in Political Science not Economics. The address and phone number are the same.

My classes start on Monday. This semester I am only taking two but I have a great deal of reading to do for the comprehensives examinations.

Yours in Christ,

Harold C. Perry, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Leo R. Sands  
October 18, 1961

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St. Joseph's Church  
1747 Lake Ave.  
Wilmette, Illinois  
Wed. Oct. 18th

Dear Father:

In reply to your note, the phone number here is ALpine 1-0771. You must be almost at the galley proof stage of the Basilian Annals by now. We certainly seem to be doing well by way of publications. I like the Newsletter idea very much. Congratulations! Also received my copy of The Basilian Teacher today. Very impressive. I've a mind to give it to one of the University profs. It would be an eye-opener for him and the content is right up his alley.

If I were you I'd interpret Msgr. Le-Sage's remarks with a grain of salt. His bark is much worse than his bite. As a matter of fact I think he's quite pleased that his nephew is studying at North Western. It gives the family a certain standing you know.

I hope Tom Perry is feeling better.  
Pray for me.

Yours in Christ,

Leo

(Letter from Father Leo Sands to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Leo R. Sands  
April 12, 1962

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113 N. Ingalls St.  
Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Apr. 12, 1962

Dear Father:

I didn't write the exam until yesterday. This week is mid-semester break. So I decided that rather than write it last week without an opportunity to study, I would write it yesterday with a few days review in theology under my belt.

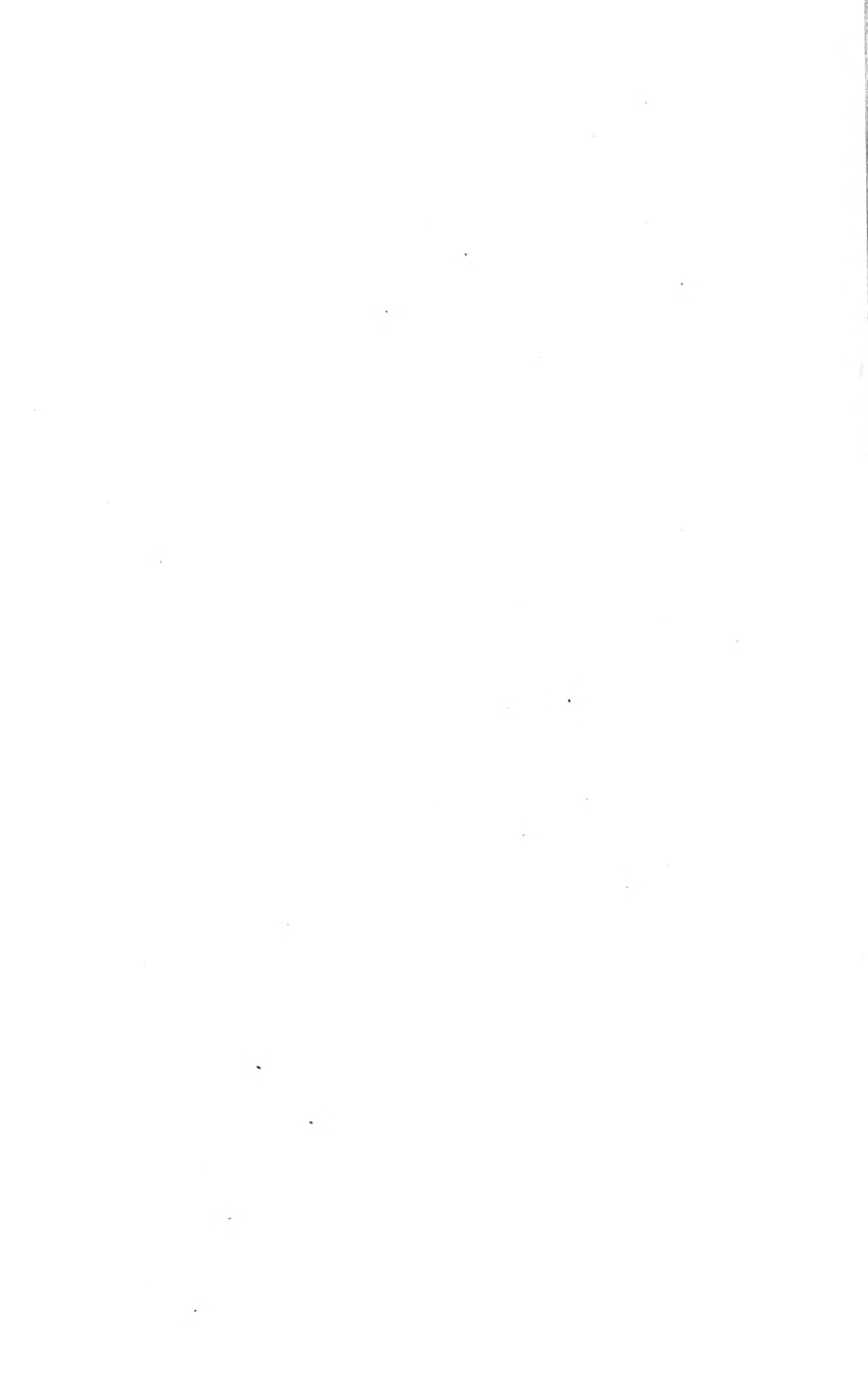
Spent an interesting day at St. John's Seminary in Plymouth talking to Father Atsert, a Sulpician who is in charge of their homiletics program. He is a Michigan grad in Speech and very generously offered me the benefit of his experience in the field. Father Hogan, the rector there, is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, so was inquiring about Fathers Frank Flood and Norbert Clemens. And then Father Tom Vahey too.

Thank you for your many notes since September. They helped me very much to keep abreast of community news. And then of course I think the Newsletter is a splendid idea.

Respectfully in Christ,

Leo Sands, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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C. Ralph Koehler  
October 7, 1961

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Catholic Central High School  
Basilian Fathers  
6565 West Outer Drive  
Detroit 35, Michigan  
Oct. 7, 1961

Dear Bob,

I hope this information is not too late for publication purposes. I thought I had found a picture of the new addition — but no picture. However, Frank Tevlin came to the rescue and took a night shot. I saw a print and to me it looked good. He will make an 8 x 10 within the next couple of days and you'll get it (I hope) by Wednesday or Thursday.

All the confreres are well, with the exception, of course, of Cy Bergeron. But he looks good and has awfully itchy feet — so he must be feeling well too.

The library is working out quite well so far. The periods seem to promote much more reading (to date) among the Freshmen and Sophs than ever before. But the Juniors this year seem to be anti-intellectual and are inclined to treat the library period as a social gathering. Father Norbert Clemens has not gotten around to introducing the Seniors to the new library nor the old librarian. Maybe he will come around some time when and if he gets tired of teaching Shakespeare.



C. Ralph Koehler  
October 7, 1961

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Better run to examen and get this  
mailed too.

In Christ,

Ralph Koehler, C.S.B.

If you need further information, I'll  
be glad to start delving for it.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Wilfrid J. Dwyer  
September 26, 1961

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St. Basil's Church  
940 Rex Avenue  
Ottawa 3, Ontario  
Sept. 26 1961

Dear Father Scollard:

Pleased to receive your letter today and to know that you haven't overlooked our new venture in Ottawa. To answer your questions in order:

- (1) The address — Carleton Newman Center  
1119 Bronson Avenue.
- (2) Telephone — Not yet in service.
- (3) Approximately 200 Catholic students  
in Carleton University.
- (4) 50 members signed in at Housewarming  
Sunday, Sept. 24th.
- (5) Fees — Two dollars per member.
- (6) Approximately 50 Catholic nurses  
in training at Ottawa Civic  
Hospital.

We inherited a residence at 1119 Bronson which requires alterations and repairs and is yet to be furnished. At present the main activity is attending meetings of Board of Directors and Student Executive. The problem of financing is still unsolved, but we are hopeful of having a good year in spite of a slow beginning. Bishop Windle has been most kind and helpful. We all enjoyed your visit. Come again.

Sincerely inXto,

W.J. Dwyer, CSB





Wilfrid J. Dwyer  
July 15, 1962

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St. Basil's Seminary  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5, Canada  
Sunday July 15, 1962

Dear Father Scollard:

Many thanks for your letter and enclosed faculties and privileges from the Pontifical Clerical Mission Association.

Not quite so happy about your continued insistence re the Welty article. If I can't escape will you please mail me pronto (1) his cursus vitae — (2) A copy of Annals with Father William Roach's obituary notice in it as a model. I must have my statistics exact. Will try my hand at a page.

Sincerely in Xto.

W.J. Dwyer, C.S.B.

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Wilfrid J. Dwyer  
October 10, 1962

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St. Basil's Church  
940 Rex Avenue  
Ottawa 3, Ontario  
Oct 10. 1962

Dear Father Scollard:

Sorry we are holding you up on the  
Annals. Father John Ruth has filled  
out the vital statistics re St. Basil's  
(enclosed).

Registration of new members at Carleton  
Newman House shows one fifty up to date.  
Mass is being celebrated at Newman House  
each Sunday to accommodate Catholic  
students living on campus in two new  
residences opened in September. John  
Henry Newman Cross was (will be) bap-  
tized Monday October 15. His parents,  
James and Patricia, are scholarship  
students at Carleton from London Uni-  
versity. Am having Rev. J. Arnold  
Stanton as guest speaker at Newman House  
Sunday October 14 (on my invitation).

Thank you for your kind reference to my  
'Welty Sermon'. We read with interest  
your report on Father Dan Corrigan, RIP .

Greetings to all at your House,

Sincerely in Christ,

W.J. Dwyer, CSB

(Transcribed from the original.)



Gerald T. Gregoire  
October 3, 1961

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Basilian Fathers  
535 - 19th Street South  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
October 3, 1961.

Dear Father Scollard:

Enclosed is the only picture of the house that we have up-to-date. It was taken last winter by a Professional photographer for insertion in some magazine. I wish that we had one right now with the grass and shrubs, etc. Also, I had a picture of the actual plans although there are a few minor changes. The other picture is our pride and joy, the Chapel.

Date occupied, October 15, 1960. Formal Blessing, Sunday, November 20, 1960, by Bishop Carroll.

Layout of Building — 1) Main floor: Chapel, Sacristy and Altar Room, 3 Parlors; Confessional near front door; Dining Room; T.V. Room; Community Room; Kitchen, Cook's quarters; Porch. 2) Upstairs: 6 staff bedrooms, 2 guest rooms with washroom, common washroom, linen closet, phone room.

The stairs and bedrooms are carpeted to achieve quiet. Basement is unfinished except Laundry Room. Front and back have been landscaped with patio and walk in our section of back. The cook has a



Gerald T. Gregoire  
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private patio and yard on north side of building.

I hope this gives you enough material for the Annals. Everyone is in good health. Roger deBilly is living with us and seems to be well settled. We beat the big Collegiate here in football for the first time which is quite an accomplishment. Our students did well on their Departmentals this year and copped two or three scholarships. Thank you for your letter the other day. Do not get much news in this part of the country. Hope you are well.

Yours in Christ,

G.T. Gregoire, CSB

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Roger F. deBilly  
September 27, 1961

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
2405 - 12th Avenue South  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
September 27, 1961

Dear Father:

Greetings from Lethbridge and sincere thanks for your very informative note, it is always a pleasure to know what goes on in other houses of the community.

The Lethbridge set-up has indeed many interesting and pleasant facets. The weather is, undoubtedly agreeable, although, I have, so far, experienced little of the famous Lethbridge winds. For the people, they are affable and hospitable, there is a strong nucleus of good, staunch Catholic families, forming a strong backbone for the parish activities. Gradually, I am setting the wheels of activity in motion. There is no doubt as to the amount of work that falls on the shoulder of one man, I suppose, in a foreseeable future consideration will have to be given to the possibility of having an assistant.

For the rectory, I am still in a quandary as to what should come first, a meeting place, additional facilities or a residence? To be honest, the Basilian residence is very comfortable, the con-



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freres co-operative. It is a question whether two priests will be happier on their own or would it be better to continue the present arrangement, the company of the confreres and community life are important features. May be if the priests in the parish had individual cars, proper facilities for office work, and privacy, there would be a solution. Well, these ideas are matter for thought and consideration.

A Telephone Answerwing Service has certainly solved the phone problem when absent. They take any call that comes in and is unanswered, then relay the message wherever I might happen to be or I can call in.

Last week, I had the pleasure of being in Calgary and stayed overnight, the warm welcome of the confreres was delightful. They are enjoying good health except Father Bob Whyte who is nursing a sore foot (ingrown toenail).

Again thank you and God bless you,  
regards to confreres.

R.F. deBilly.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Roger F. deBilly  
1962

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
2405-12th Ave. South  
Lethbridge, Alberta

Dear Father Scollard:

Many thanks for forwarding my suit. May I add that the rectory has an overall floor space of 3232 square feet and that the veranda is adjacent to the common room located on the North side. As for a photo I would prefer to have one when it is completed, because of unforeseen delays we won't be occupying the rectory before the second or third week of October.

Presently I am trying very hard to obtain good prices or bids for an immediate start on the meeting-room. The plan of it calls for a 3900 square feet building including the meeting room 44 x 56; a kitchen, restrooms, storage room and entry. The monetary problem is ever present.

Father Gerald Sharpe is indeed enjoying the West, the people, the weather, etc. Trusting these bits of information comply with your request,

Yours truly in Christ,

R.F. deBilly, CSB

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John F. Collins  
September 25, 1961

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Basilian Fathers Missions  
Post Office Box 966  
Rosenberg, Texas  
September 25, 1961

Rev. Robert Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

It is difficult to give you a complete picture of the hurricane damage on our missions. Many of our people have lost their homes and all of their belongings. It is impossible for me to tell you how many. The crops have been badly damaged and as a result many of the people will suffer badly because there will be no work for them. Twelve people were killed in our mission territory. Eight drowned in Angleton; one was electrocuted when he picked up a hote line (He was one of the patriarchs of our Church); one was electrocuted in Eagle Lake the same way; and one was killed in Freeport — cause unknown other than the hurricane. There were a great number bitten by snakes which literally flooded the debris that was left in the mission towns. Shnake vaccine was floating around like beer at a German dance!

None of the priests or sisters suffered any bodily injury, although everyone spent some sleepless nights. None of our cars were damaged. In fact we got





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off very lightly considering the terrific damage suffered by others. The problem now is to battle with the insurance people for adjustments. Following is a quick run-down of the estimated damage:

FreePort: Church roof badly damaged; water stood in the church for five days damaging the pews, walls, sanctuary, etc. \$5,000. Catechetical Center roof damaged, floors badly damaged; water stood on the floor for five days, \$ 3,000. We were unable to get back into Freeport for nearly five days, as the entire city was covered with water.

Angleton: St. Basil's Church lost all of the shingles on the roof, interior damage from water on floors, \$10,000. Rectory and convent roofs were damaged, \$2,000.

New Gulf: Church had the entire roof blown off. A little water damage, estimated \$3,000.

Bay City: The old church which is still used for Mass and Catechism, roof, walls and floor badly damaged. May need an entire new structure, estimate, \$5,000. Catechetical building, roof and wall damage, \$1,000.

Stafford: Church roof damaged, \$200. Hall, roof and wall damage, \$2,000.



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Wharton: Rectory and convent roof  
damage, \$1,000.

Eagle Lake: Roof damage, \$1,000.

Sargent: We had three feet of water  
covering the property at Sargent. We lost our pecan crop and many trees. Damage from 18' tide, \$2,000. We lost all of our chickens, half of our pigs, one cow; the barn, the fences, boat and motor, and our water well. The caretaker's house was badly damaged (all floor damage) from high water, 3' water in house. The estimated loss at Sargent will be close to \$5,000, none which, apart from the house, is covered by insurance.

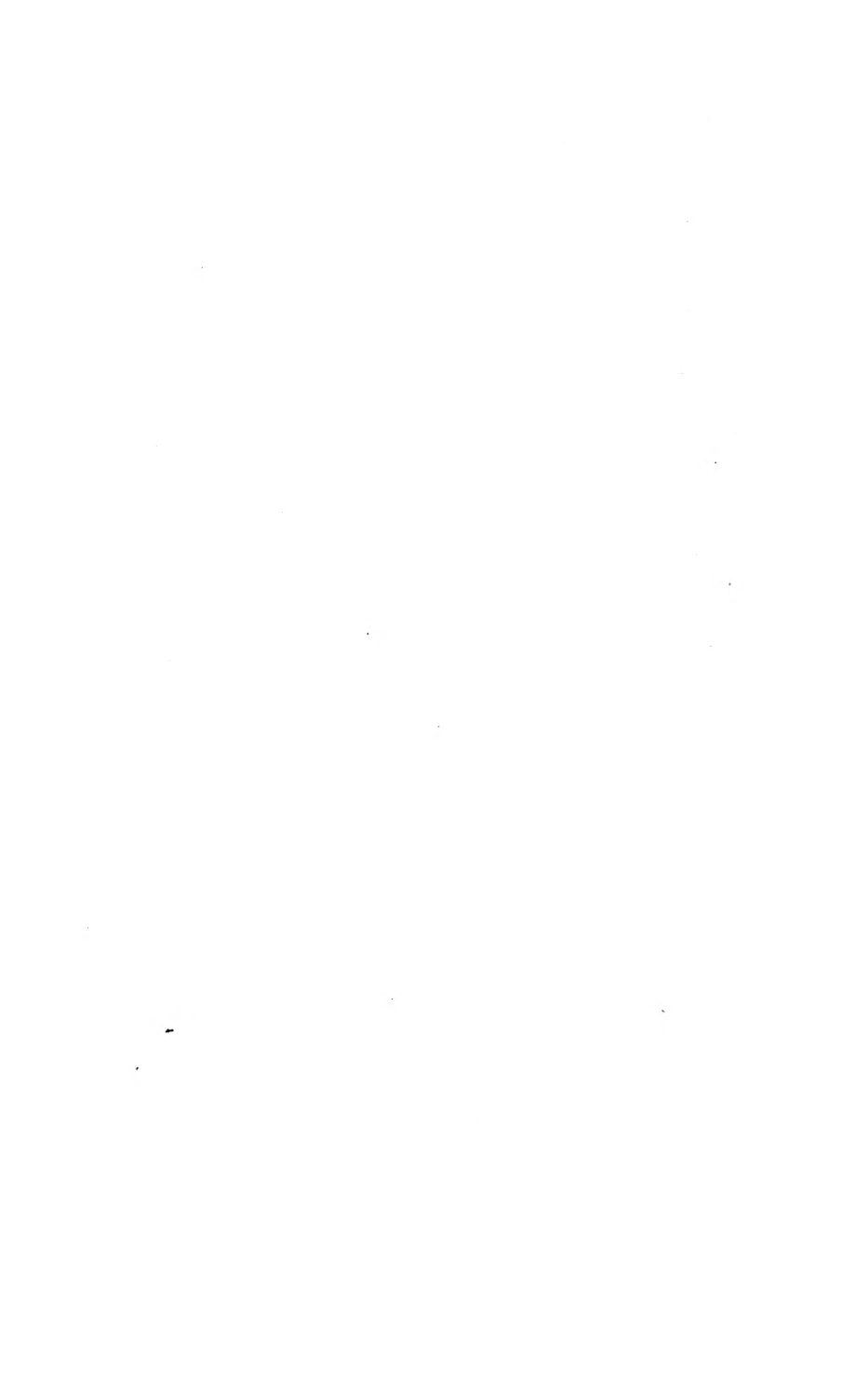
None of the other buildings on the Missions were damaged. It will take perhaps a year for us to repair the damages and know exactly how much damage the Missions suffered. The hurricane had a devastating effect on our annual bazaar. The receipts were only about half of what they normally are.

I will get the information for the Annals to you some time next week — at present I am snowed under.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John Collins

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John F. Collins  
October 31, 1961

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St. Theresa Mission Center  
Basilian Fathers  
Sugar Land, Texas  
October 31, 1961

Dear Father Scollard:

I had intended writing to you sooner, but there has been an awful lot of work to do the past couple of months. I am still working on the Hurricane Insurance and repair and that takes a lot of time.

We will say four Masses for the departed confreres during the month of November.

Will you send to Father Max Murphy the following: Annals, Basilian Teacher, copy of the rule, the constitutions and the Vademecum? Their address for unimportant mail: Parroquia de San Juan Crisostomo, Pueblo de San Juan Aragon, Mexico 14, D.F., Mexico. Until such time as we can get a box and get secure mail service, it is better to send everything to: Calle Victoria 39, Tlalpan, D.F., Mexico.

The boys in Mexico are now living at their new quarters, such as they are. Father John Gaughan and I are going to visit them on November 16th and take part in the pilgrimage of San Juan Aragon to the Basilica. I still have a lot of details to iron out over there yet.



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Saw the doctor and the dentist yesterday and got a clean bill of health. I sure feel a lot better since I got the bad teeth out.

I probably have forgotten a lot of things, in reports, etc., if I have please remind me.

Best regards to all the conferes,

John Collins

How is Vin Fullerton? I have heard nothing for months.

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John F. Collins  
May 12, 1962

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Basilian Fathers Missions  
Post Office Box 966  
Rosenberg, Texas  
May 12, 1962

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your note about Vin Fullerton. I was sorry I missed him at the parish conference in Windsor, but I am happy he is doing so well.

We are all up to our ears in work, what with First Communions, Confirmations, summer catechism, building, etc. I expect to visit Mexico at the end of the month. My information from there has been meager. The weather has been ideal. I saw a couple baseball games. I enjoyed them very much. We are awaiting the arrival of Norman Murphy. Father Bob Ritz is in seventh heaven, next to the Beatific Vision, France holds first place for him. Regards to all.

As ever,

John Collins.

P.S. Lee Higgins has a bang-up summer schedule and we should do real well.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Fathers, Toronto.)



John F. Collins  
September 24, 1962

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St. Theresa Mission Center  
Basilian Fathers  
P.O. Box 168  
Sugar Land, Texas  
September 24, 1962

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is the information that you want for the Annals. There is more information here than you need. However, I had to gather some information that will go on to the bishop's report, so I just added that to yours. You might as well have all the information.

The office of the Mission Director will likely be changed to Sugar Land in a few months. I hope to have some plans to send to the General Council this week for a new office. Mrs. Ragan will get early retirement in January and will go to work full time for the Missions. That will mean as much as the addition of a couple new men. With the experience she has handling clerical work for the missions it will really be a tremendous help. The new address will be: Mission Director — Basilian Fathers Missions, P.O. Box 708, Sugar Land, Texas. Street address will be 416 Main Street. We will have to have a telephone, but that will not come until we get the office building.

I hope you will be able to use the enclosed pictures. We are just about



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finished with the convent at Sugar Land, but it is not ready for pictures. The same is true of the Catechetical Center at Boling, Texas. I suppose that the most important item for Mission news is the new Mission Center at San Juan Aragon. The figures on the questionnaire can give you the story. I will ask Father Frank Launtrie to see you while he is home on vacation and he can give you any information you need.

Father Norm Murphy is doing a great job of learning. He will soon have both feet in the Mission waters. Father Ul-dège Girard seems quite happy. He will not be much help on the MEMO. He must have lost whatever talent he had along that line. Father John Onorato is very happy with his new job and is doing a real good job. He has certainly got the people with him and working hard. It has been the hottest summer ever recorded in Texas. 110 straight days with the temperature over 90 degrees, not to mention the days over a hundred.

This took a little longer than I figured so I am rushing it on to you. If you have no further use for these sheets you could send them back. If you need anymore information, just drop me a line. Best wishes always,

As ever,

John Collins.



John F. Collins  
October 2, 1962

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St. Theresa Mission Center  
Basilian Fathers  
P.O. Box 168  
Sugar Land, Texas  
October 2, 1962

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter and returning the questionnaires. I am sorry that I slipped up on a few points there.

- 1) Ray Jackson still says Mass at East Bernard, same as last year.
- 2) There is no street address for Boling.
- 3) Joe Shannon is confusing. He wants the church to be called Guadalupe, but it has not been changed officially by the Bishop so it is still Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- 4) Go ahead and put Hungerford in as last year. Its future is uncertain.
- 5) That is fine for Sugar Land. However, Father Dick Jeffery will be saying Mass and working at both Sugar Land and Stafford. Norm Murphy only at Sugar Land, i.e. the only place Norm will work is Sugar Land. A man from St. Thomas High School for the Cenacle Retreat House and the Sacred Heart Church at the Plantation. We take care of the Cenacle on weekdays from Sugar Land. I usually go.
- 6) New Gulf has approximately 300 families. 75 Anglos and 225 Mexican.





John F. Collins  
October 2, 1962

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You might convey this word to Father Wey and save me another letter. So far they have been unable to find anything definite wrong with Father Max Murphy's back. They are going to put a brace on it. He and Father Frank Launtrie expect to go back to Mexico on October 10.

Father Uldège Firard is going into the hospital today for at least a month. The doctor said that his blood pressure was alarmingly high and that his diabetes was very bad.

Father Leo Adam is going into the hospital on Monday. He has been having weak spells and passing out so the doctor is trying to find out the cause.

Everyone else is fine. John Onorato is doing a swell job at Angleton.

I hope this does the trick.

As always,

John Collins.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Francis J. Launtrie  
November 3, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard

Thank you for your letter and for the promotion to superior. Naturally Father Max Murphy feels badly but he will get over it.

Every letter we received had a different address but as far as I can make out, this is the best one: Parroquia de San Juan Crisotomo, Pueblo de San Juan de Aragon, Villade Guadalupe, Mexico 41, D.F., Mexico.

We have no phone because there are no phones in this section.

Re. our churches. The main church is called San Juan Crisostomo. It is the parish church. I imagine it has a capacity of about 500, mostly standing. It is of red brick and concrete. The outside is in bad condition. The inside is a little better, but it has some beautifully sounding bells. There is Mass daily at 6:30 and 7:00. Sunday at 6, 8, 12, and 6:30 p.m.

There is a chapel in another colony which we serve: Colonia de la Providencio. It is made of cement blocks, no glass in windows, no light, dirt floor. I don't think it is finished!!! Mass on Sundays at 9:00. Another colony, La Pradera, has no chapel, so we have Mass



Francis J. Launtrie  
November 3, 1961

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in the open every Sunday at 10:00. A final colony, Los Herves has no chapel and of now no Sunday Mass.

We start a First Communion class for the main center next week with just under 500 children who have not made their First Communion. I imagine each of the other Colonies will have just about as many.

If there were more space, I might challenge the statement that this is most "salubrious clime" of all Basilian Houses. Say hello to all; maybe Johnny Gaughan will visit us.

Frank

Principal Patron of Nation: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Principal Patron of Region, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Philip of Jesus; Principal Patron of town, St. John Chrysostom. The others I have not been able to discover yet.

(Letter from Father Francis Launtrie. Transcribed from the original deposited in the gneral archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Francis J. Launtrie  
December 6, 1961

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Padres Basilianos  
San Juan de Aragan  
Villa de Guadalupe  
Mexico 41, D.F.  
Dec. 6, 1961

Dear Father Scollard;

We have received all of the things you have sent us for which we thank you. Those mailed directly to us at above address arrived first. We receive all our mail at this address now. As far as I can see there is no difficulty.

I think we are more accustomed to the thinner air altho for the first few weeks there were times when one was short of breath; especially sometimes at Mass.

If the confreres spend much time in Mexico, they might not want to stay at San Juan. Johnny Gaughan can give you all the details. It was certainly good to see him. You might tell him the people still want to know when he will return. They are saving their confetti.

The weather has been very nice. A little chilly in the morning but warm (70-75 degrees) during the day, every day.

On Friday, December 8, we will have our first First Communion class, a few heads over 500. I wonder if Rome will come up





Francis J. Launtrie  
December 6, 1961

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with a solution of how to hear 500 Confessions and still encourage them to come to Communion frequently. More priests, I suppose is the answer.

Thanks again for your letters and the books. Say hello to all and in case you don't hear from us before Christmas we wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank and Max.

(Letter from Fathers Francis Launtrie and Max Murphy. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Edwin C. Garvey  
December 19, 1961

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St. Mark's College  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
Dec. 19, 1961

Dear Bob:

Father Wey reminded me that I should write a local rule. With the pressure of lectures over for a couple weeks I have some time. I wonder if you would send me a copy of some local rule. Guidance in regard to a suitable format would facilitate matters. I shall be very grateful for any help you might give on this matter. I shall return any copy which you see fit to send.

Father Henry Carr has been in the hospital for two weeks getting his insulin regulated properly. Further he had a prostate operation this morning and word has just come from the hospital that it was successful.

Christmas greetings.

Fraternally yours

Ed Garvey

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Edwin C. Garvey  
April 10, 1962

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St. Mark's College  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
April 10, 1962

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing the form which you requested and hope that it is satisfactory. Father Garry Poupore told me that all the other required papers have been sent. We are happy to have lectures over. It has been a busy year. The confreres are well. Father Henry Carr has slowed down but seems pretty well.

The Canadian Labor Congress Convention is on here now and have met a number of the labor leaders from Windsor. I heard Douglas the other night but was disappointed especially in regard to his remarks on foreign policy.

Father Brown was very good. President McKenzie chaired the meeting.

Fraternally,

Ed

(Letter from Father Edwin Garvey to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Edwin C. Garvey  
June 22, 1962

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St. Mark's College  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.

Dear Bob:

Just a note to thank you for the indult. No matter how the retreat goes it is nice to know that there won't be anything wrong with the Blessing. A lot of memories will go with House 10. No doubt during retreat you will meditate on the passing nature of houses and of life.

I seem to be busy with many things — giving talks and trying to get some lay advisors for this place. Was in Victoria yesterday; Osian Falls last week, 350 miles up the coast, boat one way and caught three fish. Am going to Trail on Monday and Kamloops Wednesday.

Don't yet know what status, if any, I shall have in Philosophy next year. A revision of the University Act, because of pressure from Victoria, is in the air and it could mean the beginning of freedom and some rights for Catholics.

Father Henry Carr is pretty well. He rode off by bus downtown on Tuesday. I expect that he will go East in August.

Every Good Wish,

Ed.

(letter to Father Robert Scollard)





John C. Gallagher  
December 31, 1961

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Sask.  
Dec. 31, 1961.

Dear Father Scollard,

It seems that we have run out of Vademecums here, or at least have run low on our supply. Would you be able to send us 12 or 15 of them? I don't know whether it is the vigorous nature of our praying which makes us hard on Vademecums, or perhaps it is the distractions that lead to them being mislaid.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jack Gallagher.

(Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Victor B. Brezik  
June 12, 1961

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
June 12, 1961

Dear Bob,

I received your note about the failure to receive the annual budget from the University of St. Thomas and have passed on the information to Father John Murphy and Father Leslie Vasek.

Father Vasek has not been well and recently spent a few days in the hospital taking tests from head to toes and resting. Fortunately, the tests were mostly negative. What he needs is a little relaxation. He works under tension and has been doing so since he returned from his doctoral studies in Toronto. He probably spent these years of study under tension also. I have encouraged him many times to get away for some relaxation, without success. I even decided this summer to take a vacation with him in order to induce him to go through with it. I am not sure that he will. It would also be my first vacation in six years. Under the circumstances, I have avoided putting pressure on him to get the budget ready, fearing the consequences on his health. The doctor is keeping him under sedatives for a while and I believe the realization that



Victor B. Brezik  
June 12, 1961

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the tests were negative has helped a little, too. He promises to get the budget ready before long.

The comments on the appointments are varied. There seems to be general contentment here at the University. Of course I am pleased to remain in Texas, although if I were needed to plug a hole elsewhere, I would do my best. Any old substance might do the job just as well, however. I think we have as much future here as elsewhere, even though I expect the Western world to feel the impact of anti-Christian ideologies and especially Communism for some years to come and this will no doubt affect the progress of the Church everywhere. The responsibility of perating provinces within the Basilian Community frightens one a little, although I believe it is the inevitable condition for growth. Having resided down here seven years now (how the time flies), I have a deeper realization of how difficult it is to have an intimate knowledge of conditions here from such a distance as Toronto. More than that, it is even harder to work up an ardent interest in the possibilities and local difficulties of such a periphery of the Community as is the Southwest of the United States, from the environs of St. Joseph Street or Russell Hill Road.

We enjoyed the short visit of Father E.J.



Victor B. Brezik  
June 12, 1961

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McCorkell and the exhilaration which his passionate interest in the Community creates.

I discovered, perhaps too late, that my brother Lee was somewhat upset by the surprise of his removal from Texas. I had a talk with him this morning and I expect him to adjust himself to the new situation admirably. He has a deep love for Texas, perhaps somewhat accentuated by his friendship with Father Tom O'Rourke whom he cared for and nursed affectionately during the latter years of his life. But it may be God's way of breaking down attachments that tend to grow too strong for one's spiritual good. Moreover, an experience in a new environment for a while may enrich him so as to enable him to contribute even more to the growth of the Community in Texas later on.

With kindest regards to Father Wey,  
Father Hubert Coughlin and the others,

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Vic.

(Letter from Father Victor Brezik to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Father Victor Brezik  
June 12, 1962

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
June 12, 1962.

Dear Bob,

I have had in mind for a long time dropping you a note to thank you for sending me the Newsletter and other communications over the past year. The Newsletter seems to be working out satisfactorily as a medium of communication. Perhaps after another year or two, you could invite Marshall McLuhan to study the matter. I am sure he would be glad to do so, especially if there were a grant involved.

I am teaching summer school as I have done most summers down here. It makes a long teaching year. Stan Murphy is visiting down here at present. Bishop Nelligan delivered an hilarious address at the Graduation Banquet.

Our Houston Colt 45's are not high in the standing but it is wonderful to have big league baseball here. Hope Joe Ney is feeling better. Best wishes for a good summer. Isn't there something down here that you could inspect?

Sincerely,  
Vic

(Letter from Father Victor Brezik to  
Father Robert Scollard.)



William H. Irwin  
December 11, 1960

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Dear Father Scollard,

I've been meaning to write for some time, but this is the first time the thought and the opportunity have come at the same time. Thanks for the copy of the Annals and the letter that accompanied it. I was particularly interested to see that Jimmy Keon has enough time free from his duties at St. Mark's College in Vancouver to be Sacristan at St. Francis High School in Lethbridge. Probably I'm not the first person to remark to you such a curious arrangement. Thank you, too, for explaining the affair Weigel. Sam Femiano merely mentioned it in passing as though I had heard all about. As a matter of fact your letter is the only information I had on the subject. The confreres have a bad habit of mentioning things like that in their letters and leaving them unexplained. I still don't know why Ed Bourg is in the hospital for such a long stay or how Bill Davis is now.

I haven't, thank the Lord, been afflicted with loneliness or homesickness and I don't expect to be. For the first while just being in Rome was so fascinating the very idea of feeling a pang for home was ridiculous. Now that Rome has become less of a novelty I am beginning to find my studies interesting, at least some of them, especially the semitic



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language of Ugaritic. Maybe I'm really a philologist at heart. The Angelicum is about what I was led to expect. I passed the entrance exam easily (17 out of a possible 20 whatever that means) and most of the classes are repetition of familiar ideas. However, I can witness that their explanations do clarify many points my seminary course had left in the shadow.

No special book buys have come my way. Every so often by way of diversion I prowl through one of the many book stores in Rome, but in general the books here are so expensive I've begun to order them from Paris or Blackwell's.

The Rector here is giving a series of spiritual conferences on spiritual direction. I found the first two very interesting, what I understood of them, because he contrasted the Tridentine and French concepts of spiritual direction, the former looking to one or two specialists as directors in a seminary and the latter considering all the professors as directors and confessors — our way. A propos of some tentative efforts in our Community to turn to Trent's way, I believe the rector let slip the remark that on the committee preparing for the present council the French method seems to have gained representation while the Tridentine has not. I find the Slupicians, especially Father Robillard, good



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confessors, but they take too long. I don't care what anyone says, no one on his knees before a confessor can pay attention to a five minute counsel. And the Italians are worse. I had no idea of this until I tried to go to Confession to the chaplain on the boat. I must have waited fifteen minutes while one person was in the box and this was an old lady who wasn't, I'm sure, a hardened sinner. It's a real laugh to preach frequent confession with that sort of practice.

By way of diversion I visit museums and learn Italian. We have as a guide a French priest who leads a different excursion every week. He is very good, and speaks such clear French even I can understand him. Never a connoisseur of art I've found the trips both enjoyable and instructive. They beat slide lectures any day. As for Italian I seem to be progressing weekly. My teacher, who works mornings at Berlitz, is excellent. By accident I have acquired the reputation for fluent Italian. My teacher remarked to someone that I was the best pupil she'd had (she probably meant English-speaking), and this was interpreted to mean that I speak Italian fluently. All week now different Canadians with whom I had only had a nodding acquaintance before have come up to me to tell me they have heard I speak Italian like a native. Since it helps to





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have a status with les Canadiens, I never deny this, but I am very careful not to begin talking Italian with them.

With that sage observation I'll close this letter resolving to write again in the not too distant future. Extend my Christmas wishes to all. And you know me well enough to realize my need of your prayers.

Yours in Crhist,

Bill

(Letter written by Father William Irwin from the Canadian College, Rome. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers.)



William H. Irwin  
March 10, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

The tardiness of my reply is a poor indication of how much I enjoyed reading your letter. It was instructive to read of the committees being formed by the general council as was the piece of news that reached me last week of Eddie Brennan's appointment as Director of Vocations. If the latter post involves a great deal of personal contact with the students in our schools, I couldn't think of a better choice.

Father Wallace Platt is here now, and it makes quite a difference for me to have a confrere here near my own age. We take Italian lessons together now, and have a lot of fun doing it. His interest in sight-seeing was a shot in the arm for my flagging enthusiasm so that since his coming I've made a second visit to the Castel Sant'Angelo and a first visit to the new North American College. At the North American we looked up a seminarian I had met on the ship coming over and another who is a good friend of Dick Morrison.

I'm still going to school, don't worry. Not that I can claim to be getting much out of the theology courses, except, I hope, a licentiate. On the other hand it is like a breath of fresh air to go over to the Biblicum. They treat us more like intelligent students over there.



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Consequently while I find it fairly easy to work on Semitics, etc., it is doubly hard to make myself keep up with the theology without any inspiration.

There was a tempest in a teacup over here last month as you may have heard which blew up over an article attacking some professors at the Biblicum. I hear it rumoured that the Pope himself took a hand in taming the wind and waters with the result that all is quiet again, the Romeo article and the Biblicum's answer both being withdrawn from the market.

I've written to Father Wey to ask permission to go to a little town near Genova for Holy Week. The priest there has requested some help to perform all the ceremonies the way the Church wants them done. I may even get to hear Italians confessions for the first time in view of which I'm studying a small book Father Platt lent me. Father Eugene Malley was so anxious I should have some experience hearing Confessions when I got back from the South last summer I thought he was going to insist I go out the afternoon of the day I was leaving for New York. It will be funny now if I return with all my experience in hearing Italian confessions. Father Vincent Kennedy tells me I can certainly put that to use once I get back.



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Father Kennedy is back from his four day rest at the hospital and we hope he's in good shape again. It was his high blood-pressure. What a pity it will be if he can't continue his work here! As a member of the secretarial committee of the Liturgical Committee he is the only English speaking representative, and he has told me he often intervenes in their discussions to insist that such and such won't work in North America. This is the committee which must read and collate all the material of the various task forces attached to it.

I hope you are in good health and enjoy the change of scene just brought about.

Yours in Christ,

Bill

(Letter written by Father William Irwin from the Canadian College, Rome. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





William H. Irwin  
October 18, 1961

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Dear Father Scollard,

Since you're preparing the Annals for this year and, since I remember your remarking after one of my short notes to you that it wouldn't even take up two lines of type in said Annals, and since I appreciate your notes to me on the back of the Newsletter, I'll try to make this letter long enough to equal perhaps five lines of type in said Annals.

I am an TTL from the Angelicum for whatever that's worth, but no chance of SSB this fall. In fact the Rector was emphatic yesterday in assuring me I'd have to take the full two years for an SSL although he did give me credit for my previous language studies, and so my program will be lighter in both years.

My two months in Germany kept me busy, 33 hours of class a week, but were very profitable. I hope I have a chance to go back next year. I met some very fine people while there with whom I hope to keep in contact. In fact the Director of the Blaubeuren branch of the Institute presented me with a work of Joseph Pieper as a remembrance. The Director, a man by the name of Kraus is a philosophy PhD from Munich, and we had some interesting philosophical and theological discussions.



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England was a great place to spend a few weeks. I met some nice people there through Bob Madden. I found the British "reserve" to be largely a myth.

The problem in Paris was the language and the fact that I was there entirely as a tourist. I felt more on the outside looking in there than in any place else in Europe this summer. The fact that I stayed at the Fraternité which is run by French Canadian priests and not Frenchmen no doubt had something to do with it.

I met Stan Kutz for a day in Munich and we went out to the Oktoberfest together. I spent the night in the guest room of one of the chaplains at the Army Base and left next morning for Salzburg and Vienna with two friends from the Canadian College, one of whom owned a car which made this part of the trip very inexpensive. Gas, food, hotels, etc. for nine days came to about \$40 a piece and we spent a day in Munich, four days in Vienna, a day in Salzburg, and a day in Venice.

The food in Germany took a little getting used to, but the proof of my stomach's complete recovery from the agitation of seminary days is the picture you'll have to imagine of me sitting down to an evening meal of bread, cheese and half a big roll of cold sausage.



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The retreat here was good, and I understood the French of the preacher very well. However, having just got back from vacation I found it pretty hard to get in the spirit of things. Too distracted. Please keep me in your prayers this year that I make a good course from a spiritual as well as an intellectual point of view.

Yours in Christ,

Bill

(Letter written by Father William Irwin from the Canadian College, Rome. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



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October 10, 1962

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Dear Father Scollard,

This isn't the letter you asked for. It's just a line to let you know I only got your letter two days ago when I got back to Rome. I'm sorry I can't send you something for the opening, but you'll understand that, only two days back, I haven't got my ear to the ground. Of course, the Bishops are thick as flies. Not here at the College, though. Cardinal Léger presides here which must drive away many who like to talk as well as listen away. As to the tips or rumors Léger would be a goldmine, but if I stand listening to him for more than a minute I begin to feel uneasy. Archbishop Pocock isn't here yet, at least yesterday not yet. He left his passport in Toronto which he realized in New York.

I was talking with Bishop Alexander Carter. He recounted an anecdote proving U.S. efficiency. Fifty Bishops came over on the Constitution. Each Bishop found at his door a Masskit. This was a propos of the Italians' failure to have prepared the Bishops' identification cards yet, although the documents were sent in in March.

I read a quote of the Holy Father's in the newspaper replying to a report that he was so worried about the Council that he couldn't sleep at night. He





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said words to this effect: "Me, worry?" The important thing is to get started. Then we'll see where things go from there."

Bishop Carter said the lines seem to be drawing already for a fight in the council between conservatives and liberals. You've probably already heard the French MacLean's mentioned the two most conservatives of the Canadian Bishops and said Bishops X and Y have departed for the Council of Trent.

I'm writing this at 5:30 p.m. The Rector promised us tickets for tomorrow for the opening Mass of the Council and I'm waiting for him to get back in to get one. But it may be wiser to watch the whole thing on TV.

The summer was great but tiring. Especially tiring was the month in Spain. We drove between 3000 and 4000 miles, August and September in Germany was really fun. You should have seen me with a group of Catholic men and women, a church group on their annual weekend of mountain-climbing. Trying to follow the Germans over the mountains I began to wonder how we ever won the war. Only beer, schnapps and song revived me in the evening. You should have seen me in my "lederhosen".

I did my retreat privately at the monastery of Beuron in the Danube valley.



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Maria Laach and Maredsous received their first monks in the last century from Beuron (St. Martin).

I've now baptized two babies — Filippo in Italy and Martin Peter Johannes Michael Kraus in Germany. Preached in German too.

I need some Mass intentions. Give my regards to all.

In Christ,

Bill.

P.S. All over Europe the amount of praying for the Council is inspiring. The German Bishops addressed a magnificent letter to their people which I had the privilege of reading from the pulpit.

(Letter written by Father William Irwin from the Canadian College, Rome. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Vincent L. Kennedy  
October 23, 1961

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Via della Traspontina 18  
Rome.  
23.X.61

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for the document which arrived today. Also for the news in your two letters. I shall be very happy to get the Annals as I made a mistake and brought along a 1959 one. Would you be sure to give Bob Crooker my address: he was to write to me about the need of my course at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in the second semester. Ask Armand Maurer for Joe Muckle's address; I am sure you do not have that one for the Annals.

My work at the Sacred Congregation of Religious is stalled at the moment, as Father Ravasi is away sick. The Liturgical Commission is quiet at the moment; they are busy preparing the revised text of the report and the final meeting is postponed probably until Spring. There is a case coming up for study at the Sacred Congregation of Rites in November. Incidentally our section: Sezione Storica, only deals with cases which are based entirely on documents; where there are living witnesses, we are bypassed completely, so that I would not see such a case as that of Brother André. Monsignor Frutas tells me that the case of the foundress of the Holy



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Names may come up this year. I am enclosing a Decree from the Holy Office which should interest our parishes, viz. the permission to take Communion to the sick in the afternoon. I know that John T. Kelly and Gerry Anglin at Holy Rosary Parish will be interested. Frankly I don't see where it was any business of the Holy Office but as they say, they are the 'Suprema' Sacred Congregation and can over-ride us all.

I paid my respects to Bishop Alexander Carter at the Canadian College; he is here for a meeting of the Commission for the Lay Apostolate. He told me the story of how he, Archbishop Pocock and our own Archbishop Flahiff happened to be appointed so late to the Commissions. Apparently there was a terrific protest to the Delegate when the first lists came out with no name of any English speaking bishop on them; and only one English speaking priest as you know. The Delegate got busy in Rome and the three above were named.

Bishop Francis Allen is here but I have not yet contacted him; he was out when I phoned.

You can tell Gene Malley and those who are interested that they can get resigned to the fact that there will be no more dispensations for ordination at the end of the third year. It is true





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that they did allow some last year after the decision was made but that was for a few cases where all plans had been made for ordination at the end of the term in June 1961. For the time being the Canon Law must be observed; — ordination not before the end of the exams after the first term of the fourth year. Perhaps in a few years they may relent but it is useless to ask for it now. No sign yet of Father Hubert Coughlin. Bill Irwin is in the very best of health; any stomach trouble that he had has completely disappeared. Is there any news of Archbishop Flahiff coming here?

Sincerely,

V.L.K.

(Letter from Father Vincent Kennedy.  
Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Vincent L. Kennedy  
November 15, 1961

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Via Traspontina 18. Roma.  
15.11.61

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for the Annals which arrived yesterday. It is very well doen; congratulations. I have read it from cover to cover and have found only two mistakes, one of fact and one of spelling. Bill Irwin is at the Bliblical Institute this year; and Kirley is once spelled Kirely. That is better than par for the course.

Speaking of mistakes, I want you to check on one of mine. In the new number of the Constitutions — 228a — I think it reads Unam saltem mensem etc. It should be unum; I tried to check on my copy but I had unam ... mensam ... which is terrible. If it is wrong in the decree, correct it before our classical scholars, e.g. Joe Muckle, start criticiizing the Sacred Congregation.

I had a letter from Archbishop Flahiff announcing his arrival on the 21st for the Commission on Religious. I hear that James Charles Cardinal McGuigan is here but have not seen him. In fact I have not been going around much the past few days; we have had three days of torrential rains and the Tiber is running higher than I have seen it in years. I have been workin at the Vatican



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Library and got soaked coming home in spite of an umbrella and raincoat. It seems to be clearing today.

Bob Crooker wrote to me about the course at the Institute of Mediaeval Studies. It looks as though I would be available but only until the middle of March. We should be able to work out a timetable. My present plans are to fly home about December 20th. I should be here for the big Congress on Vocations which the Sacred Congregation of Religious is putting on December 10 to 17. I doubt if they will have any practical ideas for us but we should be represented. All is quiet on the Liturgical front. The Central Commission is meeting and the Osservatore Romano is reporting a few details on the problems which are being presented to them by some of the other Commissions but it does not say anything about the solutions suggested. I have been told that the Central Commission is purely advisory and that Pope John himself will decide what is to be presented to the Council. That may speed things up a bit and prevent some of the old guard from having too much say.

Best regards,

V.L. Kennedy.

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Vincent L. Kennedy  
December 4, 1961

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Rome Dec. 4/61

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for your letter and the Newsletter. I wish some indication had been given of what had been changed or added to the Constitutions. I know Basilians well enough to say that not one in ten will compare the new text with the old one. However the decree has been properly promulgated and that is all that counts.

I hope that Father Wey will send on that request for Father "Dan" Corrigan soon. My time is running short and things are piling up. Today there came in a case from the Sacred Congregation of Rites on which I have to give an opinion before January 10. I am working on the final report of the Liturgical Commission which has to be in before I leave. Archbishop Flahiff is here. Archbishop Pocock is coming next week. Also the Congress on Vocations. Dan Corrigan certainly picked a good time for such a request! However I shall survive.

My reservations take me to London on December 18th; after a night's stay there, I fly to Toronto the next day, arriving at Malton at 4 p.m. I will see Paris in the Spring.





Vincent L. Kennedy  
December 4, 1961

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Archbishop Flahiff is leaving on Friday for Paris. I persuaded him to stay an extra day in order to attend a special Mass by the Holy Father on December 8, to which I am to have two tickets. He did not ask for an audience since he was not here on business for his Archdiocese. A mistake, I think. He followed the advice of the Rector of the Canadian College, not my advice. In any case I am getting him in on this special Mass so that he will have at least a chance to see John XXIII and get his blessing for himself and his people.

Best regards,

V.L.K.

(Letter from Father Vincent Kennedy.  
Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Vincent J. Dulock  
July 17, 1961

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St. Thomas High School  
4500 Memorial Drive  
Houston 7, Texas  
Monday morning 7/17/61

Dear Father,

Congratulations on your re-election!  
I have just finished taking some summer school courses and find that I finally have a little time on my hands. Do you remember the job you gave me last summer just before I moved away? You wanted me to make up a little brochure for people about to enter the Novitiate. You gave me a copy of the Novitiate Rule and a little brochure used by the Christian Brothers which was somewhat like the one you wanted for us. What I want to know is, do you still want the job done? I was moved down to the Missions last summer before I had really gotten started with the idea of returning to Toronto. Somehow I never got back and since then have never really had time to work on the project. Possibly you've already had the job done or don't want it done now. Please let me know.  
Thank you, Father!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Vincent.

(Letter written by Mr. Vincent Dulock to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Vincent J. Dulock  
September 21, 1962

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
Sept. 21, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

I hope that things are well at the curial house. We are getting along nicely here. I write you to ask you to please send us some of those little folders that contain the names and dates of all the deceased members of our Community in order to remember them more especially in our daily Masses. Some of the confreres have them, but most don't; 15 or so should do. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Vince Dulock

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Michael C. Sosulski  
December 11, 1960

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Assumption University of Windsor  
400 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
December 11, 1960.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for your letter and insurance number. Now I can walk the streets in security knowing that if I am bowled over by the Windsor traffic, I'll be taken care of when they find the little certificate in my pocket.

I am making arrangements to be in Toronto for New Year's Day and for the week following it (at least that long). I plan to spend a couple of days of testing at the Novitiate and the rest of the time on library work at the University of Toronto library. We do not have all the periodicals here that I would like to consult. It is too time consuming and costly for me to travel back and forth to Wayne University every day so I can kill two birds with one stone in Toronto.

At present I am very busy on my thesis. My study has to do with the mental testing of retarded children so I am visiting schools every day doing this work. I plan to test about 110 children and have completed about 57 so far. Another two to three weeks will be enough to com-





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plete the work. I go from 9-4 every day of the week (Mon.-Fri.). I find it very exhausting since after all that I have everything else to do, including study, evaluation of the tests given that day, preparation for the next day's testing, office and spiritual exercises, night classes some evenings, occasional visitors or people to see, etc. I leave home about 8:15 and get home about 5:00 — then the fun begins. So as you can see I'm not idle. I'm behind the schedule I had planned for myself. I had hoped to be finished testing well before Christmas. What happened was that I saw the Superintendent of Separate Schools and he promised me 100 subjects from his schools. So I did no more until I was ready to go to work. When I was set to go I discovered he couldn't muster up 30 that I could use. So I had to start all over again with the Public School Board. They were very co-operative and so in two weeks time I was ready to go again. But the delay has been costly. I will have to leave off the analysis of results until January when I will complete the testing program.

Assumption's basketball team has been beaten four or five games straight to date. I asked Father John Hussey when they would get out of the slump. He said they weren't in a slump. This was



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December 11, 1960

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peak performance! Needless to say the prospects are not too bright. Enclosed is a clipping from the student paper that might interest you. (I would prefer that it didn't get around that I send clippings, etc., to the General Council so don't tell who sent it to you. Of course you can show the clipping around if you want to.)

See you at Christmas time, Father.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Mike

(Letter from Father Michael Sosulski.  
Transcribed from the original in the  
general archives of the Basilian  
Fathers, Toronto.)



Michael C. Sosulski  
March 5, 1961

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Assumption University of Windsor  
400 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
March 5, 1961.

Dear Father Scollard:

Just a note to let you know that I'm still in circulation, tho the circulation has been somewhat restricted.

I have the Pontiac boys tested but not all scored yet. That should be done this week. Though I want to change our reporting form, I think I'll wait until May when I have more time. In the meantime, unless you have some strong objection, I'll just run us off enough of these to last us this year.

We don't have any real gems in the Novitiates. The best academically should be Edward Hermann.

Father Arthur Weiler tells me that you can arrange for me to have faculties to give blessings and indulgences on rosaries, etc. I have a big convent and school to chaplain here and I need something more than a simple blessing. I get an awful lot of stuff to bless. Could you do something for me or suggest what I should do?



Michael C. Sosulski  
March 5, 1961

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My thesis is due March 24th. I have to really exert myself to get it done by then but it will be completed. My class work is not very good. I do a lot of work but its a little frustrating at times. I got good marks at Christmas, but don't look forward to the same at April.

Regards to all the confreres and to Father Flahiff and the other members of the curia. I hear you are in the new house. Congratulations. I'm writing to the Seminary since I don't have the new address.

In Christ,

Mike.

(Letter from Father Michael Sosulski. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Michael C. Sosulski  
August 28, 1961

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Assumption University of Windsor  
400 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
August 28, 1961.

Dear Father Scollard:

This is just a note to let you know that I have a brief write-up on the personality test prepared. However, I packed hurriedly and then misplaced temporarily the set I had set aside for you. I had one done for Father Robert Fischette as well since he was interested. His got sent out and yours will as soon as I can unpack at Rochester. It should reach you by the end of holidays. I expect I'll have to do more on it along the lines you suggested, but at the moment Father Fischette thought he'd like to see a little bit of it. I'll appreciate your comments on what I've done so far.

Also I would like to remind you of the application for the Priests' Eucharistic League, since I'm writing anyway. You had suggested writing later. I've managed to pack and we leave in the morning. I am looking forward to an interesting and eventful year. Hope all is well with funeral arrangements and that you can still make your holiday with your brother.

Sincerely in Our Lord,  
Mike.



Michael C. Sosulski  
November 7, 1962

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester 18, New York  
November 7, 1962

Rev.R. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Secretary General  
Basilian Fathers  
Toronto, Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

I hope you will excuse my long delay in writing to you regarding the testing program. I have had some difficulty in arranging the permission through my own fault. Father Charles Lavery presumed that the dates I chose would be the ones that were best and let it go at that. I did choose dates but waited for him to confirm them. So yesterday I finally asked again. Now it is straightened out. I will go to Pontiac from November 19 to 25. Then I will go to Erindale from January 30 to February 6. I have already written to Father RobertFischette concerning this.

I have been hesitating to change the report forms because I feel that Father Fischette should contribute to the format since he has to use them. Perhaps others would also want to add some suggestions. The whole idea is to get the results across as clearly as possible. This is all that I care about. If the present form does it adequately then I



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am satisfied. Now it is late and you do have a stencil cut for the old form so if you could run off enough for this year and send them to me I will use them and try again to revise the thing for the future.

The residence is progressing at a snail's pace with nothing showing above ground yet. Just some cement poured below ground. Today they began work on the road, etc. for the whole property. Most confreres are fine; I am not happy with some things. I hope we will have a Visitor soon. Since my state of mind is well known here there are those who are not happy with me either so maybe the Visitor will get an earful. Generally things are going well for me. I have a heavier load but the year of experience has proven to be a great help. A few more and I will have some confidence. At present I just do not have time to prepare adequately for anything. There is always so much work to be done. I feel that any opportunity for scholarship has pretty well been lost on more immediate and pressing duties often of a clerical nature, sometimes administrative (but on a rather primitive level, you understand, since I am not capable of anything which involves personal initiative).

You will be pleased to hear that I managed to survive a summer at Columbia.



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I got an A and a B in my two courses, six units of credit altogether. I will likely go back for more although I do not feel that they have a very inspiring program. I did meet some fine people, especially students. My rather mediocre showing in the courses is at least in part due to the bewilderment which I experience for the first week or ten days. It was such a strange place with so much going on that a small townner like myself doesn't have much of a chance. I lived at Manhattan College run by the Christian Brothers. They were extremely nice to me which helped a lot. Isn't it strange how living with another community tends to help you appreciate your own? I saw them as they really were and there isn't much difference between their problems of common life and ours, except that their rule tends to make it a bit tough for them at times. But it did uput a different light on our own problems and way of life.

Excuse my rambling like this. Id did not plan to write so much but once I get going I'm hard to stop. Hope you and the other confreres in Toronto are well. I suppose you know that Father Fergus Sheehy is back in the hospital and not doing so well according to reports that I have heard.

Syours Sincerely in Christ,  
Mike

























